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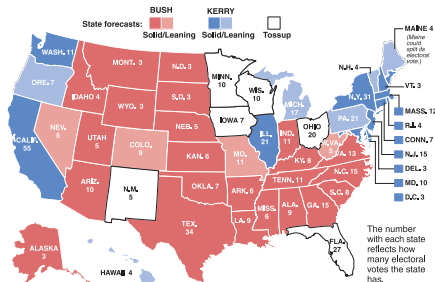
Volunteer election official Jack Harris directs an early voter Friday to an open polling station at the Alachua County administration building in Florida. To deal with expected increases in voter turnout, polling places throughout the state are open early.

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Race for president still a tossup

Bush, Kerry campaigns focus on needed battleground states

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The Washington Post

Six states with a total of 79 electoral votes are considered too close to call and could determine the winner of the presidential election. Of the remaining states, six appear to be leaning toward Sen. John Kerry and four appear to be leaning toward President Bush.



Lane Quevedo, a supporter of President Bush's campaign, confronts backers of the Democratic ticket on Saturday after a rally for Vice President Dick Cheney in Nazareth, Pa.

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World

Liberia disarmament: Armed U.N. troops manned checkpoints and arrested dozens of men Sunday in an at-times bloody conclusion to a nationwide disarmament program in Liberia, days after a burst of violence in the war-battered West African nation.

In one neighborhood in Monrovia, about 80 men and boys lay on the ground surrounded by U.N. Ghanaian and Nigerian peacekeepers after one of several U.N. raids.

Sri Lanka peace talks: Tamil Tiger rebels, postponed by a day are meeting with a top Japanese peace envoy who is pushing for a revival of peace talks between the guerrillas and Sri Lanka's government, officials said Sunday.

Yasushi Akashi has met Sri Lankan leaders, including President Chandrika Kumaratunga, during his weeklong visit here that began Wednesday. He was scheduled to meet rebel leaders on Sunday, but the meeting was rescheduled for Monday.

China mine deaths: A sudden burst of poisonous gas in a coal mine in northeast China killed 15 miners, the government said, days after the death toll in another accident rose to 141.

The rush of gas occurred Saturday at the Xi-lutan Mine in Fushan, a city in Liaoning province, when 50 miners were working underground, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

S. Korea nuclear experiments: The United Nations nuclear watchdog will send a group of inspectors to South Korea this week to investigate Seoul's secret nuclear experiments, a South Korean official said Sunday.

Cho Chung-won, director-general at South Korea's Ministry of Science and Technology, said a five-member inspection team from the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency will begin a six-day visit on Tuesday.

States

Wrestling death case: A teen freed from prison this year after his life sentence for killing a young playmate was overturned received an extended probation period Friday after violating his curfew, and was freed once more.

Lined Tate, now 17, was warned he would return to prison if he again violates his probation in the 1999 beating death of 6-year-old



Sudan crisis: Rwandan soldiers are greeted by Nigerian peacekeeping soldiers, right, as they disembark from a U.S. Air Force C-130 cargo plane at the El Fasher airport on Saturday in Darfur as part of the African Union peacekeeping mission to Sudan. Dozens of armed Rwandan troops arrived in Sudan's troubled Darfur region Saturday to beef up a tiny African force seeking to stabilize the area. On Sunday, about 100 new troops joined those that arrived the day before to strengthen the protection force, which is protecting military observers of a shaky April 4 cease-fire agreement.

Tiffany Eunick.

In early September, deputies caught Tate blocks from his home at 2 a.m. and found he was carrying a pocketknife, both violations of his probation terms.

Carnival ride accident: A carnival ride accident that threw a man to his death last month was caused by a chain reaction that started when the safety bar holding the man and his companion in place failed, causing their weight to shift and snapping two bolts.

The state Department of Public Safety released its final report on Friday about the accident that threw Andrew R. Fohlin, 38, to his death and injured two others at a fair at St. Mary's Parish in Shrewsbury.

The report also said Jaro Amusements Inc., the company that owned and operated the

ride, didn't keep maintenance records which could have pointed to problems with the two bolts, and didn't perform required maintenance — a claim which a company spokesman denied.

Business

US Airways strike: The union representing 6,000 US Airways reservation agents is asking members to authorize a strike if a bankruptcy judge voids the airline's contracts with its unions.

Chris Fox, president of Local 13302 of the Communications Workers of America, insisted that workers have no immediate strike plans and don't want to hurt the company. Employees have until Nov. 10 to return the strike ballots.

US Airways officials said that a strike is illegal under federal law — and that it could cost the airline valuable revenue during the travel holiday season.

War on terrorism

Guantanamo tribunals: Two men accused by the United States of being members of al-Qaida — including one who allegedly attended a camp with Osama bin Laden — declined to appear before a U.S. military review panel at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, an official said Saturday.

A 30-year-old detainee was accused of being an instructor at the al-Farooq terrorist training camp in Afghanistan, said Lt. Cmdr. Darryl Borgquist, spokesman for the Combatant Status Review Tribunals.

Another man accused of belonging to al-Qaida was allegedly at the al-Farooq camp when bin Laden reportedly was there between July 2001 and September of 2001, Borgquist said.

Blair's wife talks Clinton: British Prime Minister Tony Blair's wife implicitly criticized President Bush in a talk at Harvard University, saying she supported a U.S. Supreme Court decision that dealt a blow to his policy on Guantanamo Bay detainees, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The prime minister, a close ally of Bush, has remained studiously neutral in the presidential race, and his wife, Cherie Booth, has generally avoided commenting on American politics.

But in a closed-door speech to about 100 people at Harvard, Booth praised a Supreme Court decision in a case brought by two Britons freed from Guantanamo, according to *London's The Mail* on Sunday.

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announces holiday mail dates

Guidelines should help parcels get to overseas troops on time

Stars and Stripes

With the holidays fast approaching, the Defense Department has released recommended mailing dates to ensure troops at overseas locations get cards and packages on time.

"To ensure delivery ... to military APO/FPO addresses overseas and to international addresses, we suggest mail be sent by the recommended dates provided by the U.S. Postal Service," stated Mark DeDonato, the assistant deputy director and chief of operations for the Military Postal Service Agency (MPSA) in Washington.

A DOD news release also provided additional guidance for mailing to overseas addresses, including:

- Use the addressee's full name (with or without rank), unit name and APO/FPO addresses, with nine-digit ZIP code and a return address. When sending boxes, print the address information on only one side of the box, with the

recipient's address in the lower right side.

- Do not use boxes that have hazardous material markings, such as bleach, alcohol or cleaning fluids. The U.S. Postal Service will not process the boxes, regardless of what is listed on the contents form.

- When sending to the Central Command region, do not mail pork or pork byproducts; alcohol; anything depicting nude or semi-nude persons, pornographic or sexual items or unauthorized political materials. Religious materials contrary to the Islamic faith are prohibited in bulk quantities, but items for addressee's personal use are allowed.

- Call your local postal office to ask about size restrictions and customs declaration form requirements for various locations.

- Delivery time varies depending on the category of mail and the destination. Delivery may be delayed when armed forces are on the move during periods of heightened activity.

Will alleged deserter go free?

BY ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press

ZAMA, Japan — Deserter is a crime like few others. Along with mutiny, it hits at the heart of military service, violating a fundamental code of honor. But as the U.S. Army prepares to court-martial Sgt. Charles Robert Jenkins in one of its highest-profile desertion cases since Pvt. Eddie Slovik was executed in World War II, a little-known fact is coming to light.

Serious though it may sound, desertion, especially in peacetime, rarely results in anything more than a dishonorable discharge.

Of the thousands of soldiers who bolt their units each year, only a small percentage are tried, let alone sent to prison.

Jenkins, back in uniform nearly 40 years after allegedly defecting to communist North Korea, is accused not only of desertion but of aiding the enemy



Jenkins

and urging others to join him. Yet a guilty verdict won't necessarily mean a prison cell.

The maximum penalty for peacetime desertion is life in prison, while wartime desertion can be punished by death. But that hasn't happened since Slovik was executed in January 1945 by a firing squad from his own unit in northeast France. Slovik was one of 70 servicemen executed during the war, but the only one shot for desertion — the others were executed for murder or rape.

Jenkins' case presents a bit of a legal quagmire. The Korean War ended in a truce, but not a formal peace. In 1953, 12 years before Jenkins allegedly left his patrol on the South Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone. Army officials say it's up to the judge, Col. Denise Vowles, to decide whether death or life imprisonment applies.

There are indications Jenkins, whose court martial begins here Wednesday, has worked out a pre-trial agreement, most likely for no confinement in exchange for a guilty plea to at least one of the charges against him.

He faces charges of desertion, plus two counts of soliciting other service members to desert, one of aiding the enemy and two of encouraging disloyalty.

Sasebo expands Adopt-a-Sailor from holiday-only to year-round

BY GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan

A chaplain here is set to enhance the traditional Adopt-a-Sailor or Program — where families stationed overseas invite single sailors into their homes for holiday meals — by making it more akin to what the word "adopt" implies.

It's nice to share that "family" feeling holidays seem to muster, but the Adopt-a-Sailor PLUS Program, command chaplain Cmdr. Harvey Ranard said, would meet the desire of young single sailors for a family-like relationship throughout the year.

"It's great in its own right ... when families have single sailors overseas to their home for a Thanksgiving turkey dinner, or to spend time together at Christmas. But particularly in the forward-deployed Naval force here, where sailors can be gone for months at a time, it's just impossible to measure the value of having that kind of relationship year-long 'back home' at the base," Ranard said.

Adopt-a-Sailor PLUS is an enhanced level of support — Sasebo families "adopt" single sailors for at least one year, getting in touch for holidays as well as birthdays, re-enlistments and other special events.

"Even when they're in port, they aren't home; in truth, none of us are. But when a family and a single sailor commit to keeping up with the welfare of one another, spending special occasions to-

gether ... just being there like family, it can make their overseas tours far richer and memorable," he said.

In addition, he added, from a practical point of view, "it can make them happier, better sailors, too."

One day last year during the busy holiday season, Ranard strolled into the Bayside Food Court.

"And just randomly, I noticed a young sailor sitting in there alone, eating one type of fast food or another, and he looked particularly sad, presumably yearning to be with family for the holidays. Maybe just plain old homesick," he recalled. "That's when I had this idea based on the Adopt-a-Sailor Program."

Ranard explained his idea to base commander Capt. Michael James, who enthusiastically encouraged the volunteer program. Now, both the traditional and the expanded programs are available.

Guy and Barbara Burleson live in the main base housing area in Sasebo and have three children. The family is active in the community, including programs and events sponsored by the Chaplain's Office. The Burleson family is eager to be involved in Adopt-a-Sailor PLUS.

"It will be a great experience for them, and for us," said Guy Burleson, fire chief for training at Sasebo's Command U.S. Navy Forces Japan Regional Fire Department.

"The happier the sailors are,

the more welcome they feel in the community, the more warmth they can feel ... it stands to reason that will make them better performers overall. It's all about that glow of home, and happier is better," he said.

"Also, as Christians I think Christ calls for us to reach out building relationships with others, and this way is a beautiful witness to that spirit of giving and sharing, no matter what religious belief you might have," Burleson added.

Even though the PLUS version was only recently announced, Ranard said, "we're already getting good feedback, and quite a few families have indicated they would like to be involved in the program. In some cases, they've offered to adopt more than just one sailor."

Interested families should contact the Chaplain's Office to register for either program by filling out a registration form or providing the correct information by telephone. Single sailors interested should contact their chain of command. Commands and chaplains have received information explaining how sailors can be included.

The deadline for families and sailors to register is Nov. 17.

"This is just another way our Navy community demonstrates that it 'takes care of our own,'" Ranard said.

Call the Chaplain's Office at DSN 22-3380, or send e-mail to harvey.ranard@sasebo.navy.mil for more information.

E-mail Greg Tyler at: tylerg@strips.osd.mil

Sending it overseas

With the holidays fast approaching, these are the recommended mailing dates to receive cards and packages on time.

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② **Priority Mail**

③ **Parcel AirMail (PAL)**
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④ **Space Available Mail (SAM)**
Parcels paid at Parcel Post rates are transported domestically by surface and then overseas by air on a space-available basis. The maximum weight and size limits are 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined.

⑤ **Parcel Post**

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Guam water flowing again

No further water outages are anticipated for Naval Base Guam, the Navy's Old and New Apra Housing areas and Santa Rita and Agat villages, following an overnight Saturday to clear sediment from Fena Reservoir water, the Commander Naval Forces Marianas office announced Sunday.

However, the Navy urged all those affected by the temporary outage to boil tap water until test results

confirm the water is safe. They were urged to boil transparent water vigorously for at least one minute or to add a half-teaspoon of unscented bleach to every five gallons of brown or cloudy water and let it sit for 30 minutes before use.

Santa Rita and Agat residents with questions about water distribution should call Guam Waterworks Authority at 646-4211 or 647-7836, the Navy stated.

From staff reports

Bush, Kerry reach for electoral win

BY DAVID S. BRODER,
DAN BALZ and
CHARLES BABINGTON

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush and his Democratic challenger, Sen. John F. Kerry, go into the final 48 hours of the 2004 presidential campaign within easy reach of an electoral majority, but neither has a clear advantage in the remaining handful of tossup states.

This year's election is a virtual rerun of the 2000 race, with many of the same states in the too-close-to-call category. But four years ago, Bush's route to an electoral majority was clearer than Al Gore's, while this year his path appears no easier than Kerry's, given the states still in play.

Bush has solid leads in 23 states with 197 electoral votes and is favored in four more, which could bring him to 227. Kerry is equally solid in 13 states with 178 electoral votes and is favored in five states, which would bring him to 232. It takes 270 electoral votes to win.

Six states — Florida, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and New Mexico — with 79 electoral votes could determine the winner. All are regarded as tossups by neutral observers and the two campaigns.

What makes this presidential election so difficult to call is the intensity of voter interest, reflected in swollen registration totals and long lines for early voting, combined with the most aggressive voter mobilization efforts by both party and its allies have ever mounted. Democrats in particular believe their ground game may be decisive in the closest remaining states.

The other unknown is the potential impact of Osama bin Laden's Friday videotape message, which abruptly shifted headlines away from Iraq to terrorism and echoes of Sept. 11, 2001. Bush's highest ratings come for his leadership against the terrorists, but there was no discernible shift to the president in polls taken during the first hours after the video aired.

The Washington Post's latest tracking poll shows a deadlocked electorate, with Bush at 49 percent, Kerry at 48 percent and independent Ralph Nader at 1 percent, among likely voters. Most other polls show the race even closer, although a Newsweek poll put Bush up 50-44 percent among likely voters. A general movement to decline or the other candidates in the final hours could significantly alter the electoral map balance.

The candidates tried to tune their speeches to the shifting headwinds they campaigned in what they know to be the battleground states. From last winter on, both Bush and Kerry have targeted Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, believing that whoever wins two of them would likely be elected.

Despite more than 40 Bush visits to Pennsylvania, has now tilted toward Kerry, and Republicans are fighting desperately to pump the vote in their central and southwestern areas of strength enough to make up for the Democratic margin in Philadelphia and its suburbs.

Some public polls show the race tied, but insiders are skeptical Bush can prevail.

Other states that have moved from the pre-convention tossup category toward Kerry are Washington, Oregon, Maine and Michigan.

Hawaii, once considered a Democratic certainty, has become a battleground in which Kerry is narrowly favored.

Meanwhile, Bush has gained the advantage in Colorado, Missouri, Nevada and West Virginia, all considered battlegrounds at one time.

In Florida, preparations for this election — and tensions over its outcome — have been building ever since the disputed 537-vote Bush margin gave him the presidency. Republicans retain control of the election machinery, run by an appointee of Gov. Jeb Bush, the president's brother. But Democrats have amassed an army of lawyers to challenge any irregularities. Both sides have prodded court porters to take advantage of the state's new early-voting law, and more than 1.5 million Floridians have turned in their ballots already. Republicans say they have growing confidence that Bush will carry the state Tuesday but Democrats have taken heart from early vote patterns in some counties and are far from conceding.

Bush's most direct path to re-election is simply to capture Florida and Ohio two big states he won last time. That could bring his total to 274 electoral votes. If Kerry wins them both, he will be at 279.

Another option for Bush would be to steal Michigan from Kerry. The state's economic problems gave Kerry the early advantage. His managers against the state's economy and devote time and money to it, an omission the Bush side moved quickly to exploit. With a revived party organization and hundreds of local victory headquarters, they have forced Kerry to increase his investment in the last 10 days.

But if Michigan stays Democratic and Bush and Kerry split Florida and Ohio, then the other tossup states become decisive, particularly three in the upper Midwest: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. The winner of two of those three likely will win the White House.

All three went for Gore, but Kerry has struggled to make a personal connection with the voters, typified by his reference to "Lambert" rather than Lambeau Field, home to the Green Bay Packers. All three states are now open to Bush.

The easiest for Kerry to win may be Minnesota, a state with a proud Democratic tradition but that has been trending Republican. Bush came close in Minnesota four years ago and may once again fall just short.

Wisconsin has seceded between the two candidates throughout the fall, with Democrats worried about black turnout in Milwaukee and Bush trying to push up the numbers in the Fox Valley south of Green Bay. Wisconsin allows voters to register on Election Day, adding an unpredictable element.

Bush's best bet to pick up a Democratic state may be in Iowa, even though it is the state that launched Kerry toward the nomination last winter. But Iowa re-



Left: Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry speaks during Sunday services at Shiloh Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. Right: President Bush, first lady Laura Bush and Monsignor Jude O'Doherty leave Sunday Mass at Church of the Epiphany in Miami. At back is Bush's brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

AP Photos

Candidates continue hunt for votes

BY NEDRA PICKLER

The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Sen. John Kerry, after hammering President Bush over al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, returned to domestic issues Sunday, criticizing cuts in after-school programs, health care coverage and jobs lost in the last four years.

Making his fifth consecutive Sunday appearance at a predominantly black church, this day in hotly contested Ohio, the Democratic presidential nominee quoted the Bible and criticized his White House rival without naming him.

"There is a standard by which we have to live," Kerry said.

"Coming to church on Sundays and talking about faith and professing faith isn't the whole deal."

Bush opened his day in a battleground to the south, at worship services at a Roman Catholic church in Miami. Bush, who has assiduously courted Catholics during his term, was accompanied by first lady Laura Bush, his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, and other relatives. He was all but endorsed by Monsignor Jude O'Doherty. Bush isn't Catholic, but Kerry is.

"Mr. President, I want you to know that I admire your faith and your courage to profess it," O'Doherty said.

maintained too close to call over the weekend.

At one point in the campaign, four Rocky Mountain states were on the target list of the two campaigns, but in the closing weeks, only two — New Mexico and Nevada — see real competition. Nevada leans to Bush, despite his support

for making Yucca Mountain the nation's nuclear waste repository. New Mexico, which went for Gore with one of the smallest margins in the country, remains a tossup, with the closing trend toward Bush.

If New Mexico turns into another dead heat, Tuesday could turn

into another long night of counting, but that could be eclipsed if Hawaii remains as competitive as it has appeared in the last week.

Newspaper polls in the once-staunchly Democratic state showed Bush running even with Kerry, prompting both campaigns to buy advertising and late visits by Cheney and Gore.

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Election tricks getting dirtier by the minute

Attempts to block voting include 'lost' registrations, intimidation, a flier telling Democrats to vote Nov. 3

By JO BECKER
AND DAVID FINKEL
The Washington Post

As if things weren't complicated enough, here comes the dirt.

Registered voters who have been somehow unregistered Democrats who suddenly find they've been reregistered as Republicans. A flier announcing that Election Day has been extended through Wednesday.

Dirtier tricks are a staple of campaigns, but election officials say this year's could achieve new highs in numbers and new lows in scope, especially in key battleground states such as Florida and Ohio, where special-interest groups have poured in to influ-

"I see it as an expression of a political culture that has evolved in the United States of win at any cost. It's not partisan, but it's just lie, cheat and steal, and ethics be damned."

ence the neck-and-neck race between President Bush and Sen. John F. Kerry.

"In my 16 years as an election administrator, I've never seen anything like this," said Lon Sancho, supervisor of elections in Leon County, Fla. "I see it as an expression of a political culture that has evolved in the United States of win at any cost. It's not partisan, but it's just lie, cheat and steal, and ethics be damned."

The problem in Leon County: Students at Florida State and Florida A&M universities, some of whom signed petitions to legalize medical marijuana or impose stiffer penalties for child molesters, unknowingly had their party registration switched to Republican and their addresses changed.

Officials say students at the University of Florida in Alachua County have made similar complaints and that about 4,000 potential voters in all have been affected. Local papers traced some of the problems to a group hired by the Florida Republican Party, which has denounced the shenanigans. Switching voters' party affiliations does not affect their ability to vote, but changing addresses does, because when voters show up at their proper polling places, they won't be registered there.

The college scam also has made an appearance in Pennsylvania, along with a separate scam last week in Allegheny County, where election officials received a flurry of phone calls about fliers handed out at a Pittsburgh area mall and mailed to an unknown number of homes. The flier, distributed on bogus but official-looking stationery with a county letterhead, told voters that "due to immense voter turnout expected on Tuesday," the election had been extended. Republicans should vote Tuesday, Nov. 2, it said — and Democrats on Wednesday. A

criminal investigation has been launched.

Authorities in several states also are investigating claims, by former employees of groups paid by both the Republican Party and Democratic-leaning interest groups, that they destroyed or did not turn in new registrations by voters of the opposite party.

Closing investigations are claims and counterclaims not only about tricks, but double dirty tricks.

In Wisconsin, a flier is circulating in Milwaukee's black neighborhoods that purports to be from the "Milwaukee Black Voters League." "If you've already voted in any election this year, you can't vote in the presidential election," the flier reads. "If you violate any of these laws, you can get 10 years in prison and your children will get taken away from you."

Chris Lato, a spokesman for the Wisconsin Republican Party, called the fliers "appalling" but wondered whether Democratic interest groups might be to blame. He said circulators falsely claiming to represent the Republican Party might be trying to gin up turnout among black voters.

"First of all, the claim was false, and it seems a little obvious," he said. "We have a lot of these shadowy Democratic groups here in Wisconsin, and I wouldn't put it past them to do something like this to muck up the works."

In Lake County, Ohio, some voters received a memo on bogus Board of Elections letterhead informing voters who registered through Democratic and NACCP drives that they could not vote. Election officials referred the matter to the sheriff.

Lawyers for the Ohio GOP, who have charged Democratic groups with registering fictitious characters such as Mary Poppins, said Friday that they condemned election fraud and misinformation campaigns of any kind. But some local Lake County Republicans have adopted the double-dirty-trick explanation, saying Democrats are out to make the GOP look bad.

Whatever the motive, election officials say voters are genuinely confused by the misinformation. In the Cleveland area, election officials said they received a spate of complaints after voters began receiving phone calls incorrectly informing them their polling place had changed. In addition, unknown volunteers began showing up at voters' doors illegally offering to collect and deliver completed absentee ballots to the election office.

Jane Platten, a spokeswoman for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, said officials have not identified who is behind the tricks. "We've never seen anything like this before, where there seems to be a concerted effort to give voters misinformation," she said.

In South Carolina, Charleston County election officials warned voters Friday to ignore a flier that purports to be from the NACCP. The letter entices voters who have outstanding parking tickets or have failed to pay child support with arrest.

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IN THE WORLD



View of a meeting of the Palestinian Legislative Council in the West Bank town of Ramallah on Sunday. Palestinian officials have been convening a series of top meetings in recent days to show that their institutions continue to function in Yasser Arafat's absence.

Israeli, Palestinian leaders plan for Arafat's absence

BY MOHAMMED DARAGHEH

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Senior Palestinian and Israeli leaders held separate meetings Sunday to plan a path forward in the absence of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who was sequestered in a French hospital with an unknown ailment.

Palestinian officials have been convening a series of top meetings in recent days to show that their institutions continue to function in Arafat's absence, while Israeli officials scrambled to plan for the possibility that Arafat could die.

The Palestinian leader has said he wants to be buried in Jerusalem, at the holy site known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Haram as-Sharif, or Noble Sanctuary.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Sunday he would never allow that.

"As long as I am prime minister, Arafat won't be buried in Jerusalem," he told his Cabinet, according to participants in the meeting.

Israeli security officials have expressed concern that a funeral procession in Jerusalem could quickly spin out of control. Israel also believes a burial in Jerusalem would bolster Palestinian claims to the city.

Israel also was preparing for the possibility that the West Bank and Gaza could erupt into chaos if Arafat dies and senior defense, foreign affairs and intelligence officials briefed the Cabinet on Arafat's health and possible scenarios for the future.

Israeli officials said they were working under the assumption Arafat would not return to the Palestinian political arena.

In an effort to project unity and continuity in the Palestinian Authority, top leaders have held a series of meetings in recent days.

Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, whose efforts to force Arafat to relinquish some power have largely failed, chaired a session Sunday of the Palestinian National Security Council. The body, headed by Arafat, commands the most important of the myriad Palestinian security forces.

In a symbolic gesture, Qureia refused to sit at the head of the table, Arafat's place.

Former Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, who resigned last year in frustration with Arafat, made the same symbolic gesture Sunday when he presided over a meeting of the PLO executive committee.

The Palestinian Legislative Council also met Sunday and the PLO executive committee was to meet again Sunday night.

"In a commitment from our side to our president, our national symbol, we are convening all our institutions as we used to do when he was present," said Jibril Rajoub, Arafat's top security adviser.

Until the Palestinian leadership situation becomes clear, the Israeli army will "demonstrate restraint" in military operations in the West Bank and Gaza, Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said.

"These are days of waiting, and during such days you act perhaps with a bit more caution," Shalom told Army Radio before the weekly Cabinet meeting.

PLO leader improving, but more tests needed

The Associated Press

CLAMART, France — Having ruled out leukemia, French doctors were trying for a second day Sunday to determine what ailing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is suffering from, his aides said.

Palestinian officials gave conflicting reports on how much from further tests were expected. Mohammed Rashid, a close Arafat aide, said results were due Wednesday, but Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said Arafat's doctors would issue a medical report in the next 48 hours.

But, "Arafat does not have leukemia," Rashid said. "It's been ruled out. Rule it out."

The Palestinian foreign minister, Nabil Shaath, said

said 75-year-old Arafat's condition has improved markedly since he was rushed Friday from the West Bank to a French military hospital. Arafat ate cereal, milk and tea, said Shaath, who was speaking from Ramallah on the West Bank.

"He's much better, he's really much better, and he's more cheerful," Shaath said. "He's more lively. He's less tired and we are awaiting a final assessment made by the French doctors about the diagnosis."

Shaath said examinations had ruled out leukemia "or any other cancer." However, no doctors or other specialists have publicly confirmed that conclusion. The only problem that has been announced is a low blood platelet count.

Jordan convicts man of raising terror funds

BY JAMAL HALABY

The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Jordan's military court convicted a terror suspect Sunday of raising funds to help Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi, the most-wanted militant in Iraq, carry out attacks on U.S. forces there and against Jordanian interests in the kingdom. Bilal al-Hiyari was sentenced to six months in jail.

The court, however, acquitted al-Hiyari, 34, of conspiracy to carry out terror attacks, saying there was little evidence to implicate him.

Under Jordanian law, verdicts resulting in less than three years imprisonment cannot be appealed.

The defendant, sporting a black beard and wearing a navy blue prison uniform, stood silently in front of the military court's chief judge, Col. Fawaz Buqur, as the sentence was read out.

"You are acquitted of conspiring to carry out terror attacks because specific details of the accusation could not be substantiated with hard evidence," Buqur told the defendant.

"Thank you," the Jordanian businessman responded.

Military prosecutors accused al-Hiyari of having collected some special amount of money to fund attacks on U.S. forces in Iraq and terrorist activities in Jordan planned by al-Zarqawi, who is thought to be a close asso-

ciate of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

The indictment sheet alleged al-Zarqawi had recruited al-Hiyari to "raise funds to finance military operations on the Jordanian and Iraqi arenas." It said U.S. forces in Iraq were specifically targeted.

Al-Hiyari allegedly met al-Zarqawi in Afghanistan at an unspecified date and "developed a warm friendship because both espoused the similar holy war ideology," the indictment said.

It said al-Hiyari visited al-Zarqawi in Iraq in July 2003 on an invitation from al-Zarqawi's spiritual leader, Omar Yousef Jumah, who is also known as Sheikh Abu al-Kha'la al-Shami. Al-Shami was killed in a U.S. airstrike in Iraq last month.

In August 2003 in Jordan, al-Hiyari allegedly raised around \$3,000 to buy a German-made Opel car that was sent to al-Zarqawi in Iraq by an Iraqi associate of al-Zarqawi, identified as Abu-Kha'la. The indictment did not say where the funds came from.

It said later that year and in early 2004, al-Zarqawi twice sent another envoy, identified as Al-Miqdad al-Dabbas, to collect more money, which al-Hiyari could not raise before he was arrested May 16 and the court plot was foiled. The indictment did not specify how Jordanian authorities learned about the plot.

Iran OKs bill to resume uranium enrichment

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — The Iranian parliament unanimously approved the outline of a bill Sunday forcing the government to resume enriching uranium, legislation likely to deepen an international dispute over Iran's nuclear activities at a time when its chief negotiator gave compromise talks a 50-50 chance of success.

Shouts of "Death to America!" rang out in the conservative-dominated parliament after lawmakers voted to advance the nation's nuclear program, an issue of national pride that provides a rare point of agreement between many conservatives and reformers.

Washington has pushed hard for Iran to drop its nuclear program, which Tehran maintains is for peaceful energy purposes. The International Atomic Energy Agency, which is the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog, and European powers also are trying to persuade Iran to halt its nuclear activities.

The United States, which has secured some European support, accuses Iran of trying to build nuclear weapons. Britain, France and Germany have offered Iran a trade deal and peaceful nuclear technology in return for assurances the country will stop enrichment in-

definitely — something Iran says it will not do.

Parliament speaker Gholam Ali Haddad Adel called parliament's vote a message to the world.

"The message of the absolute vote for the Iranian nation is that the parliament supports national interests," he said. "And the message for the outside world is that the parliament won't give in to coercion."

A vote was not set for discussing details of the legislation, under which the government would be required to resume enrichment of uranium — injecting gas into centrifuges — a measure Iran is not doing now. The outline of the bill did not include a date by which the government must resume enriching uranium.

Such legislation could limit Iranian officials negotiating with the Europeans, unless the government is able to persuade parliament to prolong the debate on details of the bill for weeks or months.

Britain, Germany and France have warned that most European states will back Washington's call to refer Iran to the U.N. Security Council for possible economic sanctions. Tehran doesn't want all uranium enrichment activities before a Nov. 25 IAEA meeting.

Blast outside Chechen hospital injures 17

BY SERGEI VENYAVSKIY
The Associated Press

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia — A car bomb exploded outside the Chechen capital's main hospital Sunday, wounding 17 people in an attack apparently targeting members of a security force headed by the son of Chechnya's slain Kremlin-backed president, emergency officials said.

Another car bomb exploded near a Russian military checkpoint on the outskirts of the capital, Grozny, and wounded one man, said Maj. Igor Golubenko, a duty officer for the southern Russian headquarters of the Emergency Situations Ministry in Rostov-on-Don.

Car bomb apparently aimed at local security forces

Earlier, Golubenko said the explosion appeared to have been caused by a mine.

Russian media, citing Chechen Interior Ministry sources, said the car bomb on the outskirts of the capital happened first, then as the injured were being carried into the hospital, another bomb went off.

Golubenko said he couldn't confirm that scenario, but he said the information was being checked.

In the hospital blast, a car packed with explosives detonated, blowing a crater into the

ground and breaking the glass windows in hospital No. 9.

Thirteen of the wounded were members of the Chechen presidential security service, headed by Chechen First Deputy Prime Minister Ramzan Kadyrov. Three other victims were hospital workers. The security service officers appeared to have been the target, Golubenko said. One child was also injured, he said.

The blast at the checkpoint injured one person, Golubenko said.

A Federal Security Service spokesman, Maj. Gen. Ilya Sha-

balkin, said that one person was killed and three others were wounded in that blast, according to the Russian media. It was not immediately possible to reconcile the conflicting accounts.

Kadyrov's force, believed to number 2,000-4,000 men, is responsible for combating the rebels who have been fighting Russian rule for close to a decade. But they are widely feared by Chechen civilians and have been accused of severe abuses ranging from kidnappings to robberies.

Kadyrov's father Akhmad, the

Kremlin-backed president, was assassinated in a bombing at Grozny's stadium during a May celebration of the anniversary of the end of World War II.

Separatist rebels pushed Russian troops out of Chechnya in 1996, following a brutal 20-month war that left the region de facto independent. Troops returned in the fall of 1999 after rebels raided the neighboring province of Dagestan and after a series of apartment house bombings that Russian officials blamed on the rebels.

Rebels have denied any part in those blasts, but radical rebel leader Shamil Basayev has claimed responsibility for a series of major terrorist attacks since.

Footage of kidnapped election staff airs

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Militants released a video Sunday showing three frightened foreign U.N. hostages pleading for their release, and threatened to kill them unless United Nations and British troops leave Afghanistan and Muslim prisoners are freed from U.S. jails.

In the tape, the hostages — Annetta Flanigan of Northern Ireland, Filipino diplomat Angelita Nayan and Shere Habib of Kosovo — are sitting hunched together against the bare wall of a room in an undisclosed location, answering questions from someone who is speaking to them in broken English from off camera.

Both women are crying, but the trio looked healthy and unharmed. The man repeatedly asks them why they have come to Afghanistan, then asks why America and NATO have sent troops to Afghanistan and Iraq.

"We have nothing to do with America," Nayan says calmly. "We are innocent people." She adds later, "We all want to go home to our families. We are United Nations workers. We want to go home to our kids and to our parents."

Habib explains that she is from Kosovo, but her abductor seems unsure where that is.

"It is a Muslim country," she says. "I thought I could help a Muslim country and I just want to go home and see my brother."

All three hostages appear frightened. Their interviewer at several points seems to try to reassure them, saying to Flanigan, "Don't cry. Why you cry?"

But he repeatedly, and sometimes sharply asks them what they are doing in Afghanistan, and does not seem to understand their answers.

Toward the end of the 15-minute video, obtained by AP in neighboring Pakistan, the interviewer asks to give Flanigan to cry for the camera, to which she replies: "I have



French soldiers from International Security Assistance Force patrol in a residential area of Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, on Saturday. Afghan forces and NATO troops have mounted extra patrols and roadblocks since a Filipino diplomat and two U.N. workers were kidnapped on Thursday.

cried and cried and I can't cry anymore."

Finally after 15 minutes, Nayan asks: "Are we going to be released?" and the tape ends.

Jaish-ul-Muslimeen, which claims to have seized the trio on Thursday in Kabul, said it made the tape and would execute the hostages unless the United Nations and British troops leave Afghanistan.

Ishtaq Manzoor, a spokesman for the group, told The Associated Press on Sunday that the hostages would be killed in three days if their demands were not met.

"Like in Iraq, the U.N. has to leave," Manzoor said in a satellite telephone call.

But the group's purported leader, Akbar Agha, insisted later that it had set no deadline. "But we do want an early response to our demands," he said.

Manzoor said the kidnappers were also demanding the release of all Muslim prisoners from U.S. custody in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and from Bagram, the main American base north of Kabul.

He claimed the group was negotiating with the Afghan government but declined to elaborate.

Officials at the presidential palace could not be reached immediately for comment.

Armed men kidnapped the three in Kabul on Thursday, stirring fears that Afghan militants were copying the bloody tactics of their Iraqi counterparts.

'Suicide bomber' turns out to be covert U.S. agent

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An American agent hidden under a head-to-toe veil sparked fear of a suicide attack in the Afghan capital Sunday by fleeing from police who tried to search her at a city park, officials said.

Police initially thought the woman, who was carrying a bag under her traditional Afghan burqa, was laden with explosives when she tried to enter the Bagh-e-Zanana gardens, officials said.

But an official with the NATO-run security force that scrambled patrols to the area said it appeared the woman had panicked because her bag contained a pistol.

"It's all been resolved amicably," the official said on the condition he not be named.

An Afghan police officer said the woman had been brought to the Interior Ministry for a post-mortem on the embarrassing mixup.

When confronted at the park, the woman apparently retreated to a four-wheel-drive vehicle parked nearby.

Neither the woman involved in the incident nor the American security agency she was working for were identified.

Pakistan dismisses speculation that bin Laden is nearby

BY PAUL HAVEN
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The envelope containing terror mastermind Osama bin Laden's latest message to the world was dropped into a letter box in an upscale neighborhood of the Pakistani capital, the second purported al-Qaida video to come out of this nation in little over a week.

Officials cautioned on Saturday that the tape's release to the Arabic television channel Al-Jazeera's Islamabad office does not prove that bin Laden is in Pakistan.

But its appearance was nonetheless an embarrassment to a nation that bills itself as a key ally in Washington's war on terror, and that has spent months focusing its troops on a swath of tribal communities along the Afghan-Pakistan border where the fugitive al-Qaida leader reportedly has been hiding.

Pakistan has sent tens of thousands of troops to the long and porous border with Afghanistan, concentrating on forbidding North and South Waziristan, where bin Laden and his top deputy, Egyptian surgeon Ayman al-Zawahiri, both are believed to be hiding.

Scores of soldiers and civilians have been killed, but the operations so far have not netted any major fugitives, leading to charges that the sweeps are conducted as a political show to curry favor with Washington, which has given Islamabad billions of dollars in aid since President Gen. Pervez Musharraf threw his support behind the anti-terror effort.

Bin Laden appeared far healthier in the video released Friday than many would have suspected, considering speculation that he almost died after the winter of 2001 when U.S., Afghan and Pakistani forces began their dragnet. U.S. officials often have described him as holed up in a dank and dreary cave, all but cut off from the outside world.

Pakistani officials were quick to move into damage-control mode on Saturday, saying they had no idea how Al-Jazeera got the tape, and insisting its existence did not prove the terror leader was here.

Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan, the army spokesman, said the intensity of Pakistan's efforts in North and South Waziristan would make it impossible for bin Laden to hide there.

"Even if the tape was dropped here, that doesn't mean that he is here," Sultan said. "Nobody knows where he is, but he cannot be in Pakistan's tribal areas because of the presence of so many troops."

Added Interior Minister Atif Khan Sherpaki: "I don't think he is in Pakistan."

Talut Massoud, a defense analyst and former Pakistani general, said bin Laden probably was in Pakistan, despite the official denials, and that he could be either in the sprawling Pakistani port city of Karachi or well cared for by followers in the tribal region.

The fact that he has the courage to come out shows he feels protected in his surroundings," Massoud said. His healthy appearance "shows that he is probably living in reasonable comfort and he is being taken care of."

U.S. forces prepare for Fallujah assault

Iraq's prime minister vows that elections will remain on schedule

BY SAMEER N. YACOUB

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's interim prime minister said Sunday that efforts to peacefully resolve the conflict in Fallujah have ended their final phase and warned that "our patience is running thin," vowing to clear the city of militants who have carried out some of the bloodiest attacks in Iraq.

Ayad Allawi's strong comments signaled that the start may be near for a major assault on Fallujah that U.S. forces have been preparing. Allawi warned there would likely be civilian casualties if an offensive takes place.

A brigade of fresh U.S. troops arriving in Baghdad will push the total U.S. troop presence in the Iraqi capital to around 40,000 by Monday, as planners prepare for the coming assault on insurgent hotspots to the west and the Iraqi elections in January.

U.S. commanders will say Allawi will give the final order to launch the assault, which would aim to restore control to Sunni Muslim towns north and west of the capital and end the election process.

As night fell in the Iraqi capital, the rumble of powerful explosions could be heard coming from the edge of the city. The cause of the explosions could not be determined.

Speaking to reporters in Baghdad, Allawi vowed that the elections, a key step in plans to move Iraq toward democracy "will take place on schedule." The country's deteriorating security situation has led to doubts that nationwide voting can take place in Iraq.

Allawi said there was no deadline for talks with Fallujah leaders aimed at finding a peaceful resolution. But he said if no deal is reached, "I have no choice but to secure a military solution."

"I will do so with a heavy heart,

for even with the most careful plan there will be some loss of innocent lives," he said.

"But I owe, owe it to the Iraqi people to defend them from the violence and the terrorists and insurgents."

"The terrorists and insurgents continue to use Fallujah and the Fallujah people as a shield for their murderous acts," Allawi said. "Some of the most incredible crimes have been committed in Fallujah and out of Fallujah by these terrorists."

Fallujah, west of Baghdad, is considered the strongest bastion of Sunni insurgents who have carried out a spiraling campaign of bombings, ambushes and kidnappings. Allawi's warning came after a particularly bloody day even by the standards of this conflict-ravaged country.

In all, at least 30 people died Saturday in politically motivated violence across Iraq, stark evidence of a security situation threatening to spiral out of control.

Among them were eight Marines killed by a car bomb near Fallujah. The U.S. military earlier said a ninth Marine was also killed but later corrected the report, confirming the death toll of eight.

Also, early Sunday, the Japanese government confirmed that the decapitated body of a young Asian male — found wrapped in an American flag and dumped in an insurgent-infested neighborhood of Baghdad — was that of Japanese housewife Shosei Koda, 24, said Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura.

Koda's abduction was claimed by the al-Qaida in Iraq group, led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who Iraqi and U.S. leaders claim is in Fallujah. Allawi has demanded Fallujah's city leaders hand over al-Zarqawi to avoid an attack, thought the leaders deny he is there.



A U.S. Marine gestures during a patrol outside Fallujah, Iraq, Sunday. American forces are preparing for a major assault on Fallujah in an effort to restore control to a swath of Sunni Muslim towns north and west of the capital ahead of crucial national elections due by Jan. 31.

Allawi said he had met with tribal leaders from the area Saturday and told them "the window for such peaceful settlement is closing."

Allawi also said authorities have arrested 167 Arab foreign fighters, who are in Iraq's custody.

In preparation for an offensive, hundreds of British troops have

moved into an area south of Baghdad to free up American forces for operations west of Baghdad. British press reports said four mortar shells landed early Sunday at a British camp south of Fallujah. Two rockets also exploded at the perimeter of the airport in the southern city of Basra where the British contingent has its headquarters.

There were no casualties or serious damage in either attack, British media reports said.

U.S. commanders have estimated that up to 5,000 Islamic militants, Saddam Hussein loyalists and common criminals are holed up in the insurgent bastion.

U.S. Marines carried out a three-week siege of Fallujah in April, but when hundreds of people were killed, the military was forced to back down. Insurgents have since tightened their grip on the city, and several other cities in the Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad have fallen under their sway.

For the second straight day, clashes erupted Sunday between U.S. forces and insurgents in the town of Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, leaving seven people dead, according to hospital officials.

On Saturday, U.S. forces pounded insurgent positions on the outskirts of Fallujah in some of the heaviest skirmishes in weeks.

Marines and guerrillas traded mortar and artillery fire, and U.S. jets bombed positions inside the city.

Later Sunday, an explosion hit a hotel in the northern Iraqi city of Tikrit and injured 15 people, police and hospital officials said.

Dr. Hassan al-Juburi, director of the Tikrit Teaching Hospital, said the blast happened at 8:00 p.m. at the Sunbar Hotel, he said. Eight others were seriously wounded in the explosion, including two policemen. All the victims were Iraqi, he said.

Al-Juburi said he did not know what had caused the blast.

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Getting ready to retire

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Most people expect to spend much less money when they retire. They're wrong.

This mistake prevents most people from preparing adequately for retirement, writes Robert C. Carlson, author of the new book "The New Rules of Retirement." While some expenses go down, others do not.

Expenses especially increase, according to Carlson, during the first year of retirement when retirees are adjusting to their new lifestyle.

Compare your current monthly budget with a detailed list of possible monthly expenses after retirement, Carlson recommends.

Understanding what your bills may be like can help you make adjustments now and spend money more wisely.

After you retire, you can generally expect to pay less (or nothing) in work-related expenses such as commuting, clothes, professional memberships, office

supplies and so on. You may spend less on housekeeping, dog-walking and other expenses that you'll now have time to take care of yourself.

One expense that may not change much is taxes. Depending on where you live and the life you lead, you may not see much of a decrease. If you take up volunteering, consulting or other part-time work, you may not see much of a change in work expenses, either.

Retirement activities that may boost your monthly expenses include travel, hobbies/entertainment, frequent dining out and doing on your children and grandchildren. You also should expect to spend more on medical bills, though how much varies with your lifestyle, current health and family history.

And you should factor in other unexpected and infrequent costs, such as emergencies and repairs to your home or vehicle.

Use your projected list of expenses to talk with your financial planner about how much you should save for retirement.

EXCHANGE RATES

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Japanese yen (Oct. 30)	104.00
South Korean won (Oct. 30)	1,095.00
Euro (Nov. 1)	€ 1.301
Commercial rates	
British pound (Nov. 1)	\$1.58
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.578
Canada (Dollar)	1.2587
Denmark (Krone)	6.464
Egypt (Pound)	0.2542
Euro	1.2731
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.783
Hungary (Forint)	135.27
Kenya (Shilling)	7.35
Israel (Sheqel)	4.4783
Japan (Yen)	109.50
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2846
Norway (Krone)	4.816
Philippines (Peso)	56.30
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.756
Singapore (Dollar)	1.662
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Switzerland (Franc)	1.1984
Thailand (Baht)	46.7
Turkey (Lira)	1,470,588

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Gold	\$428.50
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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	1.87
3-month T-bill	1.61
30-year bond	4.79

Source: The Associated Press, Bank of America

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,120 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 848 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department's Friday. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is thirteen higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 a.m. EDT.

The British military has reported 68 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 982 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 739 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers as of Friday.

The latest deaths reported by the military: ■ Eight Marines were killed in action Saturday in Anbar province. The Marines later reported a ninth combat death, but offered no further details.

The latest identification reported by the military: ■ Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Batties Sr., 38, San Antonio, Texas, killed Thursday in Baghdad when an explosive detonated near his checkpoint; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.



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FACES

Rimes to host new 'Nashville Star' season

LeAnn Rimes will host the third season of USA Network's "Nashville Star."



Rimes

Rimes, who performed as a special guest on the show's second season finale in May, succeeds Nancy O'Dell, USA Network announced.

"As a singer and songwriter, I have great admiration for many of the budding stars who come to try their hand at performing and can relate to the hopes and aspirations of all the contestants, no matter how good or bad," Rimes said in a statement posted on her Web site.

The reality talent show pits country music singing hopefuls against each other in an "American Idol"-style competition. The first episodes of the third season are set to begin airing on March 25.

Rimes' aunt Melissa Bagwell said her niece's schedule fits in with the taping demands of the popular country series. Rimes, a native of Pearl, lives in Nashville, Tenn., where the show is based, with her husband, Dean Sherman.

Naked portrait estimated to make \$6.4M

Lucian Freud's portrait of a naked, pregnant Kate Moss is expected to fetch up to \$6.4 million when it is auctioned next year, Christie's auction house said.

The near-life-size portrait of the supermodel, "Naked Portrait 2002," will be included in a Christie's sale of post-war and contemporary art on Feb. 9. It is being sold by an unnamed private collector, the auction house said.

Freud, 81, is considered by many to be Britain's greatest living artist, and his sitters have ranged from friends and family to Queen Elizabeth II.

The artist, a grandson of psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud, has said he prefers to paint his models naked because "I can see more; see the forms repeating right through the body and often in the head as well."

"One of the most exciting things is seeing through the skin, to the blood and veins and markings."

'Godfather' stars top British poll

Robert De Niro and Al Pacino have topped a British magazine's poll of the greatest living movie stars over the age of 50.

The two stars of the "Godfather" saga took the top two places in a poll of 10,000 readers of British film magazine Empire. The poll was released Thursday.

Jack Nicholson, Paul Newman and Marlon Brando—who died in July before voting was complete—took third, fourth and fifth spots.

Anthony Hopkins, in sixth place, was the highest placed British actor, and "Alien" star Sigourney Weaver, in 10th place, the top-rated woman.



Pacino

Shriver falls victim to Sox curse

The curse of the Bambino wasn't the only thing that was shattered during the Boston Red Sox's championship run.

Faithful Red Sox fan Maria Shriver broke her foot.

California's first lady injured herself while watching the fifth playoff game between Boston and the New York Yankees. The Red Sox, who had been down three games, went on to win the next four and advance to the World Series.

When the Sox's David Ortiz smacked a 14th-inning single, an excited Shriver jumped off the sofa—landing on one of her children's cast-off shoes and breaking her foot.

"She was hollering at her kids to pick up their misplaced shoes, but she's realized her instructions fell on deaf ears," spokeswoman Terri Carbaugh said.

"It goes to show it's easier to... defeat the curse of the Bambino than it is to get one's child to do as (he or she) is told, as most mothers can relate to."

Stories and photos from wire services

Growing pains

Evanesence singer Amy Lee pushes through a band rift and proves women can be a big draw in the rock world

BY CARYN ROUSSEAU

The Associated Press

Evanescence has sold more than 10 million copies of its debut album and won two Grammys, but it hasn't been easy for lead singer Amy Lee.

She endured a very public split with her lead guitarist and a battle with radio stations nationwide that believe women can't rock. Now, after finishing a huge tour, Lee finds herself back where she started—writing the lyrics that catapulted an Arkansas rock band to the world stage.

Lee was 14 when she founded the rock band with Ben Moody after they met at summer camp. They wrote music together and played at small Little Rock venues before landing a deal with Wind-up Records, which released "Fallen" in the spring of 2003.

Moody abruptly left the band about seven months later, leaving Lee to work on Evanesence's sophomore effort. But this time it will have to be different.

Lee is the words of Evanesence's "Fallen." Moody was the music. She says not having him around this time gives her liberty.

"Ben has a certain kind of pop structure that he follows that I wouldn't," the 22-year-old singer said backstage before her tour wrapped up in August with a hometown Little Rock show. "He would always be corralling my ideas. It's going to be cool this time to have more freedom, just in that there's more people writing like a real band. Everybody's involved and we have a good successful album under our belt, so there's less pressure." Less pressure too, with Moody working with pop stars Kelly Clarkson and Avril Lavigne and on several movie soundtracks.

"When Ben left the band we were all relieved," she said quietly. "It was a really uncomfortable situation for everybody."

"It was completely unstable and unhappy."

It was a scary time before he left the band because I knew something was going to happen and I didn't know what and I was afraid everything we worked for had the potential of going down the toilet."

There's no word on when the next album will be released. Lee hopes to quell fans' demands for new material with a DVD release of tour footage, possibly around Thanksgiving.

The demands of nonstop touring kept Lee from writing, but for fans the treat of seeing an Evanesence show may stave off the desire for new material. To see the band on stage is to realize how unique it really is in today's pop-heavy music scene.

The most recent tour had Evanesence topping a bill that also featured rock band Seether, headed by Lee's boyfriend, Shaun Morgan. At the last show in North Little Rock, she knelt backstage as Seether played, cheering and clapping for the band, crawling forward to get a better look before walking onstage for a duet of "Broken," which she and Morgan wrote.

When Evanesence comes on, Lee is a woman obsessed. Her long black hair flies everywhere as she jumps and pumps her fist in the air to punch the meaning of her lyrics home. Her haunting wail and strong voice echo in the arena

after she's finished singing.

"When you get up there... you just draw a blank and zone out and become Evanesence," she said.

Her magic is an ability to draw her fans into the music. A piano rises from the stage and the crowd quiets as she sits and plays her solo—no singing. The audience slowly begins to go wild—a rarity today of teenagers and 20-somethings cheering for piano riffs instead of bare midriffs. And the thing is, she wrote it herself.

That, some argue, makes Lee a strong role model for women.

"I never saw myself as a role model. It's a word I hear a lot now," she said. "What am I going to say? I'm a good role model? I make tons of mistakes. It's funny. You always have a vision for your music and you think, 'Who's going to like it?' And 14-year-old girls are never what I had in mind. But I think that's awesome."

Being a woman heading up a rock band has given Evanesence a unique sound, but it didn't come easily. Rock radio wouldn't play the band at first.

"Program directors and DJs would hear the track and just turn it off," Lee said. "They would say 'What are you doing with a chick on a piano? Go take this somewhere else.'"

Eventually a few stations relented and fans reacted to the music.

"It like to think that it's because I'm coming from a place where a lot of people are," she said. "Everybody feels the same feelings all around the world. Everyone has the same biological makeup. I think it's cool for people to hear somebody talking about something they've been through and understand. I hope people like our music because it's real music, a real experience."

Her inspiration comes from trying to understand tragedy, Lee says, and learning how to deal with it. She moved around a lot when she was young and says she didn't fit in when she came to Arkansas at age 13.

"I think there's a lot of closed-mindedness here in the South," she said. "There's a certain set of views that a big majority of the people here have and if you don't follow their views exactly then you're an outcast. I remember a lot of times feeling like an outcast."

Lee calls Los Angeles home now, where she says she paints and designs her own clothes.

"I've always been like an artist, like a painter. I sew my own skirt because I couldn't find what I was looking for (kind of person)," she said. "I don't consider myself like a fashion designer. I do have a little dream that someday maybe I could open a store in Seattle. But I'd only make one of each thing."

"I just don't like repeating myself."

AP

Amy Lee's band Evanesence sold more than 10 million copies of its debut album "Fallen."



Lee



Horoscope

This Election Day, the moon is in the most patriotic placement as it transits through Cancer, the birth sign of America. Voter turnout should be up and spirits high, with flags aplenty waving proudly. The Scorpio sun is compatible with the Cancer moon, and we'll ask questions, use our intuition and seek the truth until the last ballot is cast.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (November 2). You will be swept up in the spirit of generosity and enthusiasm this year, and will suddenly feel a deep need to help others by volunteering in your community. Your efforts will be rewarded in very surprising ways — you may find your soul mate or someone while doing a good deed for someone else. Lucky love signs are Cancer and Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What you want from others is conflicting with what they need for themselves. Try not to take it personally if your sweetie or a friend doesn't seem to have time for you right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A new challenge will force you to see a different side of yourself than you normally face. Don't be surprised if you find yourself speaking in public to a large group — nerve-racking, sure, but nothing you can't handle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been spinning your wheels, feeling stalled while the rest of the world is on fast-forward. What you need is a change of scenery to shake the cobwebs out of your eyes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A certain difficult co-worker loves to push your buttons. He or she always knows exactly what to say to make you feel insecure, especially if it's about your personal life. Try compassion rather than getting defensive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your enthusiasm revives everyone around you by providing a much-needed energy boost. One word of caution: Someone higher up is trying to take

all the credit for your work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A female friend or co-worker who is younger and less educated than you will be able to offer you startling insights into a personal problem. Sometimes, your book smarts blind you to the simplest answers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Belief always trumps doubt. Sure, it's easy to keep your faith in the divine order of the universe when everything's coming up roses for you. It's much harder, and more important, to keep it when the going gets tough.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep things moving in the right direction by communicating information clearly. This is especially true if you don't think what you're saying is particularly important. Your words are much more powerful than you realize.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The big picture is coming into sharp focus, enabling you to discern recurring patterns and themes. Use this opportunity to correct your course of direction if necessary. Tie up any loose ends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The physics behind chaos theory says nothing happens by chance. Everything is cyclical — and the cycles are so long that some-time events appear to us short-lived mortals as bizarre flukes. Trust in life's process.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19). Be very clear about what you hope to achieve. When faced with an overly critical family member or friend, smile and tell that person you love him or her. Nothing else you tell them today will be understood, so don't even try.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). That special someone in your life is pulling away from you now because he or she is afraid of loving you too much and getting hurt. Your first instinct will be to hold on tight. Resist this urge.

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Joyce Jillson



Calvin and Hobbes



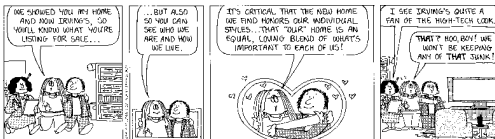
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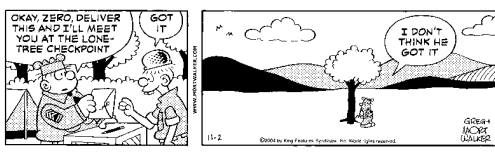
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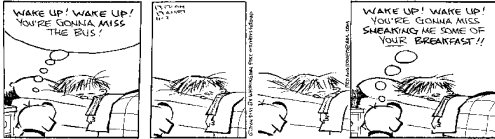
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Better or Worse



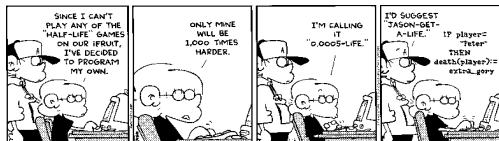
To our readers

For the past decade, this column has been written by Joyce Jillson and Holiday Mathis. Ms. Jillson passed away on Oct. 1. Because Ms. Jillson and Ms. Mathis were in advance, columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Beginning Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be re-named "Horoscopes by Holiday" and will be authored by Ms. Mathis.

Peanuts



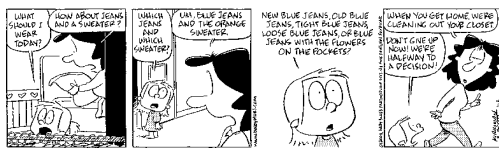
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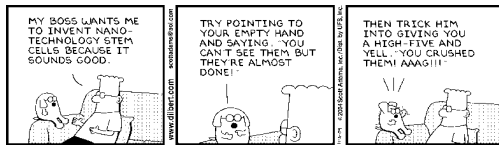
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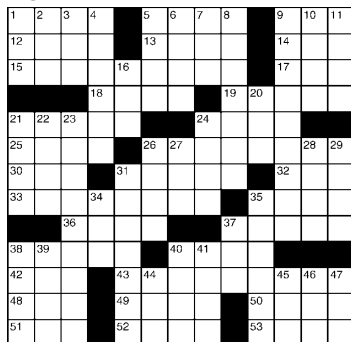
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Garfield



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

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- 13 Mediocre
- 14 Historic period
- 15 Bistro quaff
- 17 Cambridge sch.
- 18 Goose egg
- 19 Fried, filled dough
- 21 Golden Fleece princess
- 24 Appear
- 25 My Cup Runneth Over" singer
- 26 Caller's go-ahead
- 30 Edge
- 31 "Fifth day of Christmas" gift
- 32 Neither mate
- 33 Its capital is Colombo
- 35 Mid-month
- 36 Predicaments
- 37 Prepared to propose
- 38 Mary's pal
- 40 Enthusiastic
- 42 Reaction to fireworks
- 43 Noted "Yanity Fair" cover model
- 48 Bart, to Homer
- 49 Shakespearean septet
- 50 Act the robot
- 51 Billboards

Down

- 1 Craze
- 2 Exist
- 3 Sleep phenom
- 4 Cereal grasses
- 5 Ski lift carrier
- 6 Additionally
- 7 "It — the best of times, ..."
 - 8 Money of Israel
 - 9 Low-prestige
- 10 Eye part
- 11 Calculator's job
- 16 Afternoon affair
- 20 Bottom line
- 21 NASA destination
- 22 Middle Eastern rule
- 23 Narrow-necked bottles
- 24 Long story
- 26 Cacophonies
- 27 Squid squirt
- 28 Yule refrain
- 29 Formerly, formerly
- 31 A fast 30 days?
- 34 Young fellow
- 35 Not affresco
- 37 Kipling hero
- 38 Santa —, CA
- 39 Parka feature
- 40 Congregation's cry
- 41 Workbench need
- 44 Swelled head
- 45 Sapporo sash
- 46 Rouge (Fr.)
- 47 Look at

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHY WOULD A FELLOW BREAK INTO SONG? PERHAPS BECAUSE HE CAN'T FIND THE RIGHT KEY.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: D equals T

Pet hijinx: Owners last to know

Dear Abby: Thank you for printing the letter about the reincarnated rabbit, "Blossom." It has been years since I had such a good laugh. I had heard the tale before and knew it was a joke. I'm glad you were not taken in.

It reminded me of a true incident that happened in our household many years ago. My brother, Jack, had just got great little lizards. One day I came home from school before he did and found my cat, Yoda, in the lizard tank. I was horrified to find only one lizard.

I begged my mom to lend me the car and off to the pet store I went. When Jack came home, he found two great little lizards, and one with a half-chewed-off tail in the tank. (I guess he been hiding under the rock.) Jack was old enough to know how lizards have babies, so he was confused as to how the third lizard arrived. Caught in the act of replacement, I had to flee. Jack was furious at Yoda, but happy to have an additional pet

lizard.

— Kim in Massachusetts
Dear Kim: I looked up the word "anole" and my Webster's dictionary defined it as "any of a genus of arboreal American lizards (as the American chameleon) that have ... the ability to change

color." It reminded me of a story I heard years ago (probably apocryphal) about a woman whose pet chameleon died after she placed it on a piece of cloth that was plaid.

Read on:

Dear Abby: While the letter about Blossom was funny, I have a similar incident that is true. When I was 15, I adopted a cat from the S.P.C.A. I named him Elvis, and he instantly became part of the family. On Aug. 15, 2002 (the 30th anniversary of the death of the real king), my Elvis disappeared. He had missed his supper, which was unusual, so a friend and I went looking for him. We didn't find him, but after my friend left

to go home, he called and said he had seen a cat up the street that looked like Elvis, dead in the road.

My dad and I took the truck, sure enough, there lay a gray-and-white striped tabby cat. We mourned and buried him with some of his favorite toys.

The next morning I woke up and saw Elvis sunning himself out the back door.

After a moment of thoughts flashing through my head of Elvis burying himself, I ran outside to make sure it was my cat. It was.

A few months later, while attending a neighborhood watch meeting, a neighbor mentioned that her cat had gone missing.

He, too, was a gray striped tabby — identical to my Elvis.

— The King Lives On, Midland, Texas

DEAR K.L.O.: Thank you for the timely reminder that we should count our blessings.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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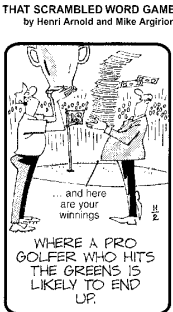
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Answer: IN □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

Yesterday's

Jumbles: BULLY DECAY CELERY TALKER
Answer: When the telegraph office was completed the operator declared it — "CABLE" READY



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. " " (Answers tomorrow)

Woman shouldn't pursue married man

Dear Annie: I am a female graduate student who also teaches at the university. Although I try to keep a professional relationship with my students, I recently engaged in some behavior that has me worried.

Two years ago, I had a male student in my class who, on the last day of the semester, contacted me via e-mail. Since grades were already submitted, I found nothing wrong with chatting online with "Eliot." However, after one very lengthy discussion, he began making advances. Although flattered, I knew Eliot was married, so I brushed it off. He continued to flirt, and I admit that I did flirt back at times.

Eliot hinted that he wanted an intimate relationship, and I kept putting him off, but one night it just happened and we slept together.

Our flirting continued, and, I'm ashamed to say, we hooked up again a few months later.

Annie's Mailbox



When I returned from a recent vacation, Eliot informed me that he and his wife have separated. I offered my support, but he hasn't written since. I don't want to be the reason his marriage is destroyed, but I care about Eliot and want him in my life. I know my actions are wrong, but I am hurt that I haven't heard from him in over two weeks. Should I call or e-mail him?

— Psyched Out

Dear Psyched Out: Please don't do either. If you don't want to be accused of killing a marriage, stay away from the corpse. Leave Eliot alone until he is free to pursue you. If he wants a relationship, he will let you know.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "Scared to Death," whose husband, "Chet," liked incest porn. She asked if it meant

he would have incestuous relations with their own children if they have any.

Annie, incest porn is child pornography. The mere possession of it is a federal crime. Chet probably is a pedophile.

You should have told her to call the FBI and get rid of the bum.

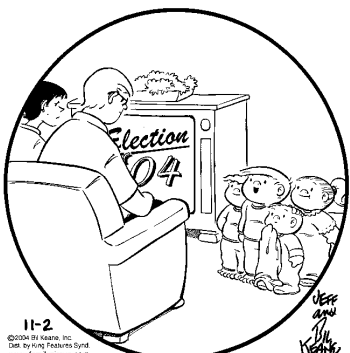
Forget about having children with him, even after counseling. He's not worth the risk.

— Former Cop in Connecticut
Dear Former Cop: We agree that Chet is creepy, but we aren't married to him. We highly doubt "Scared" would be willing to call the FBI on someone she loves.

Talking to Chet's counselor and contacting Parents Anonymous seemed like the best way for her to reach a decision she could accept. We hope she does it soon.

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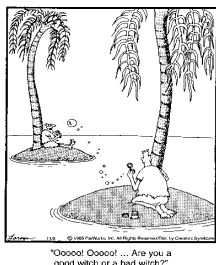


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"Can we stay up to see who gets voted off?"



Dennis the Menace



OPINION

Touchscreens without paper trail isn't a fix

BY AVI RUBIN
About 50 million Americans will cast their ballots for president on touch-screen terminals Tuesday.

In my experience as an election judge is any guide, voters will love these machines, which are generally easy to use and which easily accommodate voters who have disabilities or do not speak English.

And if my experience as a computer scientist is any guide, those voters will not realize just how dangerous it is to rely on these machines to conduct a free and fair election with a reliable result.

Voting on a direct recording electronic voting machine, or DRE, is in many ways similar to transferring money from one account to another at an automated teller machine. But there is one critically important difference: no receipt. There could be no physical record produced that could later be used by your local election board to prove how you intended to vote.

After you cast your ballot on a DRE, the only official record of your choices will be the electronic record within the system itself.

You will not be asked to look at a piece of paper that confirms your candidate selections. You will not leave that piece of paper behind for use in case of a recount.

Why is this a problem? Without paper ballots that can be physically examined, the only record possible is a review of the votes recorded by the DRE system itself. And if those votes were recorded incorrectly, no recount will fix the error. The incorrect result could never be detected, much less corrected.

And incorrect results are entirely possible. Largely because of Florida's problems in 2000, there has been a headlong rush nationwide to adopt DRE voting. Touch screens will be used in this election despite numerous studies, by my colleagues and me and by others, showing that the machines from the leading manufacturer, Diebold Election Systems, are poorly designed, with lax security and programming errors.

Nationwide, about one-third of all ballots will be cast electronically.

Technical glitches and malfunctioning machines — the kind of problems that occur with any computer system — could result in the loss of votes in uncorrectable ways. Worse, these fully electronic machines could be rigged — undetectably, because of the complexity of the software that runs them.

While we can never eliminate the possibility of tampering with elections, the impact of an attack

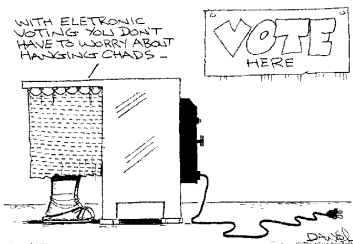
on a DRE system would likely be more serious than the results of tampering with traditional mechanical voting machines or paper-based systems, such as optically scanned ballots. This is because a bug in the software of an electronic voting system, whether accidental or intentional, has the potential to skew results in more than an isolated polling place or two. It could affect the vote totals on many thousands of machines in hundreds of precincts.

Elections, by their nature, are adversarial. In a successful election, the loser should be as convinced as the winner that the outcome is legitimate.

One of our safeguards in the United States is that members of the two principal parties are present to watch each other through every facet of an election. The utility of this security measure is diminished when the votes are cast and the counting is virtual.

DREs reduce the transparency of the voting process, and traditional checks and balances become ineffective.

Even if, on Wednesday, this election appears to have been a success, there will be no way of knowing for sure whether the will of the people was accomplished.



And even if there is no problem Tuesday, that does not imply that the election was secure — only that no one chose that day to exploit the insecurity. If an apparent success in November leads to greater adoption of fully electronic voting in the future, then subsequent elections will be even more vulnerable.

For voters to have confidence in the election process, it should be as transparent as possible. When technology that is inherently opaque is used in elections, peoples' confidence in the process will be justifiably shaken.

There are ways in which DREs provide an apparent advantage over butterfly ballots and hanging chads. But there are other ways in which these systems, implemented without voter-approved paper ballots that allow meaningful recounts, are potentially much worse.

Our goal should be voting technology that is beyond reproach. That goal may never be fully attainable, but we must do better than this.

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Reinstitution of the draft is not even on the table

BY DONALD RUMSFELD

The peculiar thing about myths is that even the most far-fetched can be nearly impossible to extinguish. This is especially so when there is a vested interest in some quarters in keeping them alive.

Like many Americans, I have recently heard a great deal of misinformation talk about a so-called "secret plan" to bring back the draft. This plot is so secret that it doesn't exist. Neither our commander in chief nor the secretary of defense know anything about it. That's because it simply is not true.

Let me be even more emphatic on that point. To my knowledge, at no time I have served as secretary of defense, the idea of re-instituting the draft has never been debated, endorsed, discussed, theorized, pondered or even whispered by anyone in the Bush administration. When asked about it, the president has flatly rejected the idea. Similarly, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has said a draft is not needed or desirable. And the U.S. House of Representatives voted down a bill, offered by several Democratic congressmen, to reinstate the draft by a resounding 402-2 less than a month ago.

Yet, based on absolutely no actual evidence, partisans, conspiracy-mongers and troublemakers are attempting to scare and mislead young Americans by insisting that a draft is coming. This is mischief-making masquerading as a serious policy debate. It is shameful.

This entire deceit is underhanded and just plain wrong. Unfortunately, regrettably, incessantly, thanks to the available transmission belt in the media, it seems to be work-

ing. One recent opinion poll suggests that about half of America's young people surveyed believe that the President Bush favors reinstating the draft.

I take this issue seriously and personally. As a member of Congress in the 1960s, I was one of the first to support an all-volunteer force. I know the inequities and the problems — for both our society and our military — associated with compelling people to serve against their will in the armed forces. Quite beyond the draft's inequities and inefficiencies, the United States simply does not need a draft. America has about 295 million people and some 2.6 million serving in the active and reserve components of our military. We don't need compulsion to attract and retain the people we need to serve our country.

As it stands today, the active Army and Marine Corps continue to exceed their recruiting goals despite the high pace of activity. Retention is also doing well. Particularly striking are re-enlistment rates for units that

have deployed overseas. Of the Army's 10 active-duty divisions, nine are exceeding re-enlistment goals by 5 percent or more.

The United States is so fortunate that every day so many brave and talented young men and women willingly sign up to serve their country, knowing full well — just from watching the nightly news — the dangers and sacrifices involved.

Each one is a volunteer, and if it happened that we were to not have enough people to serve, all we would have to do is what any other organization would do — and that is increase the incentives and make military service a more attractive option for the best and brightest young people.

There is stress on our forces — but not because of any shortage of unforced personnel.

For example, there are more than 1 million soldiers in the active Army, Army Reserve and National Guard. Of these, less than 12 percent are deployed to the Iraq and Afghanistan theaters. And the Army has al-

ready increased its active strength by as many as 30,000 troops since Sept. 11, 2001.

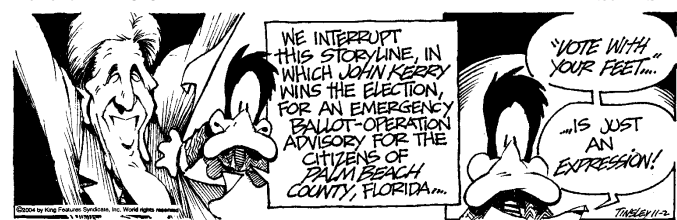
The issue is that our forces, particularly the Army, are not properly organized for the post-Cold War era. Too many skills needed on active duty are heavily concentrated in the reserve components. Too many of the active forces are not readily deployable. Too many military personnel — tens of thousands — are performing tasks that could and should be performed by civilians.

We have undertaken a range of initiatives to increase the pool of deployable troops within the armed forces and the quality of life for servicemembers and their families. The result will be that individual troops will be deployed less often, for shorter periods of time and with more predictability.

With a professional, all-volunteer force, the U.S. military won the Cold War, liberated Afghanistan and Iraq, and has kept the peace in Asia and Europe. And the all-volunteer force will win the global war on terror.

Donald Rumsfeld is secretary of defense.

Mallard Fillmore



Flu shot law

NJ TRENTON — Gov. James E. McGreevey has signed legislation that would steer flu vaccines to at-risk people and allow fines against health care providers who give the shots to those less vulnerable.

The measure sets a \$500 civil fine against doctors and others who vaccinate people at low risk for flu complications. A handful of other states impose a range of penalties, including jail time, for such actions.

The law also helps health officials assess the state's supply to get the vaccine to the most at-risk people. Supporters say the legislation was needed because most of the vaccine orders in the state were made by private entities and outside government control.

The law followed recent reports that hundreds of teachers and casino workers had received shots.

Discrimination lawsuit

CA LOS ANGELES — A group trying to prevent closure of the trauma center at an inner-city medical center filed a discrimination lawsuit, alleging the county is trying to dismantle the troubled hospital.

The nonprofit group Friends of Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center Inc., which includes patients, doctors and community residents, accused Los Angeles County and its health department of violating the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause and the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as well as Medicare and Medicaid regulations and various state laws.

"The hospital and trauma center 'have not been dealt with fairly nor have the racial minorities they serve,'" attorney Mark Ravis said in a statement.

The lawsuit asks the court to bar the closure of the trauma center, prevent further hospital cuts and restore services already eliminated.

Obscenity guilty plea

LA COVINGTON — The founder of a summer camp for children with cerebral palsy pleaded guilty to exposing himself three times to teenage girls working at Mandeville coffee shops.

Michael Lavie entered pleas to three counts of felony obscenity. Judge William Knight placed him on probation for five years and ordered him to undergo counseling.

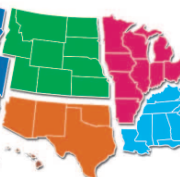
High-tech protection

IL SPRINGFIELD — Crews have begun installing metal detectors and X-ray machines at the Illinois Capitol as part of an attempt to improve security after a guard was shot and killed in September.

State officials, lobbyists, staff and journalists with state identification badges won't have to be scanned, but everyone else will, said Dave Drucker of the secretary of state's office.

"You want to be able to treat everybody equally," Drucker said. "But the fact is you wouldn't want a situation where a legislator has 10 minutes to get in the building for a vote, and he has to stand in line for 20 minutes because a tour bus just pulled up."

Security guard William Wozniak, 51, was killed Sept. 20 by



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a gunman inside the Capitol. A man with a history of mental illness was charged with murder.

Fireworks show nixed

DC WASHINGTON — It was too expensive for the Smithsonian Museum to circle the Washington Monument with an explosion of fireworks designed by Cai Guo-Qiang — his preferred form of art.

So he settled for a show, opening at the Hirshhorn Museum, of nine big drawings, made by setting off small quantities of gunpowder along lines on paper sketches.

Kristen Hileman, curator of the exhibit called "Unlucky Year — Unrealized Projects 2002-2004," said the fireworks did not fit into the show's budget. She declined to discuss figures.

Judge prevents write-in

UT SALT LAKE CITY — A judge refused to let the Republican Party replace Salt Lake County's mayor, who is accused of misusing public funds, with a write-in candidate on the ballot.

On Oct. 12, Mayor Nancy Workman had stepped aside as a candidate in the Nov. 2 election, citing the then-pending felony charges and her emotional health. But Judge Stephen Henriod said fellow Republican Ellis Ivory cannot take Workman's place on the ballot because the doctor's note she cited in claiming health problems was too ambiguous.



Fall walk

A lone pedestrian walks through New York City's Central Park under a fall palette of yellow and gold leaves.

County officials said they would appeal the decision, and the Utah Supreme Court already set time for arguments in the case, suggesting the issue could be resolved in time for Election Day.

DNA indictment

NY NEW YORK — A career criminal faces robbery and sexual assault charges after becoming the first person arrested in the state on an indictment based solely on DNA.

David Martinez, 46, was arrested on charges that he robbed a German exchange student of \$27 at gunpoint in 1996 and tried to rape her in a subway station.

In 2001, prosecutors used DNA from semen found on the woman's clothing to lead to a DNA-based indictment, which uses DNA samples to charge and unknown sexual attacker before the statute of limitations expires.

The indictment charges Martinez with robbery, attempted rape and sexual abuse. District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said Martinez faces 15 years to life in prison if convicted.

Possible fish permit cuts

AK ANCHORAGE — A new state report recommends cutting the number of Bristol Bay fishing permits from the current 1,857 to as few as 500. The study by Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission says the existing number of fishing boats can no longer make a profit. The value of the Bristol Bay fishery has plummeted in recent years with the rise of fish farming.

Voter guides recalled

CA SAN DIEGO — The county registrar recalled thousands of Spanish-language voter guides because of errors in grammar, syntax, spelling and translation. The guides had such sentences as: "People that are registered 29 and 15 days before an election will be commanded a brochure." The guides were translated by county employees in 1999. The county has now contracted out for services.

Candidate's home burns

AL LaFAYETTE — A congressional candidate's antebellum home burned down, and he broke his knee jumping from the second floor.

Bill Fuller, a Democrat who faces an uphill battle against Republican Rep. Mike Rogers, also suffered smoke inhalation, as well as scrapes and bruises from the 15-foot jump into the bushes, said his spokesman, Ken Mullinax.

The home was built in the 1840s and was recently remodeled. "There is no indication of anything other than an accident," said Ragan Ingram, a spokesman for the state fire marshal's office.

Expensive dog bite

IA DES MOINES — Officials are calling a 6-pound Chihuahua named Squirt a vicious dog after he nipped two children.

Neither child was seriously hurt. Owner Laurie Staver must buy a \$100,000 insurance policy or remove her pet from the city. She plans to appeal to the City Council.



Witchy physician Stephen Tiffen of Oakland, Calif., works his 20-foot-high "Muthamba the Witch Doctor" entry at the Pier House Pretenders in Paradise Costume Competition in Key West, Fla. The Fantasy Fest Parade was expected to attract more than 60,000 revelers.



Over the rainbow A vivid rainbow arcs over the skyline of downtown Fresno, Calif., after a day of high winds and heavy rains hit the valley.



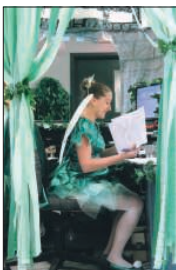
Tasty treats Asian elephants (from left) Chendra, Rose and Shine take part in the traditional squishing of the squash as they begin to devour an 880-pound pumpkin at the Oregon Zoo in Portland, Ore.



Staring contest Jenna McCauley, 2, of Oakville, stares at Peanut Butter, a small donkey at Suson farm in Suson Park, in St. Louis County near Oakville, Mo.



Marching to the beat Allison Martinez, center, and other members of the Americas High School marching band, practice twirling maneuvers with swords and rifles in El Paso, Texas.



It's Tinkerbell! Clad in a Tinkerbell ensemble, clerk Judy Boyett processes legal documents in her cubicle in the County Civil department of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Manatee County Courthouse in Bradenton, Fla.



Artistic turtle David Schaffer, 4, dressed as a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, colors a Happy Halloween banner at the Farmers Market in New Bern, N.C., after he and about 200 other preschool children marched in a parade through the city's historic district.

Grave robber acquitted

OR MEDFORD — Amateur archaeologist Jack Lee Harelson was acquitted on two counts of trying to hire a hitman to kill people involved in his 1996 conviction for robbing ancient Indian graves in the Nevada desert.

But after deliberating for 10 hours over two days, the Jackson County Circuit Court jury said it could not reach a verdict in four other counts in the murder-for-hire case. The jury did find Harelson guilty on two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Prosecutor Tim Barnack said authorities would retry the four counts left unresolved.

Harelson, who showed little reaction as Judge Lorenzo Mejia read the verdicts, was stunned by the outcome, said defense attorney Bob Abel.

Tuition increase

IA DES MOINES — Tuition for Iowa undergraduate students at the state's three universities would increase by 4 percent next year under a proposal to be considered next week by the Iowa Board of Regents. It would be the lowest increase in more than a decade.

Tuition at the University of Iowa, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa would go up by about \$200 to around \$5,600 a year.

Capital gets a Target

DC WASHINGTON — The nation's capital is about to get its first Target. Mayor Anthony Williams announced that the company signed an agreement to buy land for a store in the Columbia Heights neighborhood. Groundbreaking is expected in spring of 2005, with the store likely to open in late 2007.

No 'Frankenpine'

NY ALBANY — The Adirondack Council declared victory when a plan by Nextel Partners to build a 114-foot cell phone tower in the Adirondacks was withdrawn. The environmental group dubbed the tower "Frankenpine" because it attempted to use fake branches and color to resemble a towering pine tree.

Airport bomb scare

MS JACKSON — Authorities said no charges will be filed against an unidentified man whose carry-on briefcase at Jackson International Airport provoked a bomb scare. Hundreds of people were ordered out of the airport Oct. 7, and flights were delayed. After the briefcase was destroyed, officials found scraps of wires, a telephone battery, tweezers and a cassette player.

Teen guilty of 3 deaths

WI RICHLAND CENTER — A judge found an Illinois teen guilty of gunning down his parents and uncle at a southwestern Wisconsin farmhouse, rejecting claims that he was insane when he committed the murders. The judge said Steven Tomporowski faked

his mental illness to try to escape punishment. He said Tomporowski's bizarre behavior could be explained by his heavy use of LSD.

Billionaire to build village

CO SOUTH FORK — Mineral County commissioners have approved zoning plans for a controversial village proposed by Texas billionaire B.J. "Red" McCombs near the Wolf Creek Ski Area.

Opponents, including the ski area owners, say the development will ruin the no-frills nature of the area.

Frozen body not criminal

WA SPOKANE — It may seem creepy, but it's not necessarily a crime to keep a corpse in the freezer, police say.

A 59-year-old man walked into the Public Safety Building to ask what he should do with the dead woman's body he had stashed in a chest-style freezer, Capt. Bruce Roberts said.

Detectives who responded to the Chateaux Apartments found the body of a 57-year-old woman inside the freezer, he said.

Police did not identify the man but said he was the woman's caregiver. He told them he arrived at the woman's apartment about a week ago and found her dead, then put her in the freezer.

"His underlying motivation, at least what he told us, was he wanted to preserve her dignity," Roberts said. "It's unique and unusual, but at this point there is nothing criminal."

The man was sent to a hospital for a mental evaluation.

Rename the ice cream

MA ARLINGTON — Brigham's, an Arlington-based ice cream maker, is looking to the public for help in renaming its "Reverse the Curse" flavor, made obsolete by the Red Sox World Series win.

People can vote for one of four names: "Curse Reversed," "Believe It," "Sox Rock," and "Penway Faithfuls." The company debuted the flavor earlier this year.

School plot alleged

UT VERNAL — Four students have been arrested after authorities uncovered an alleged plot to kill classmates, teachers and parents at a high school.

Authorities described the scheme as a "pretty serious plot" in the planning stages at Uintah High School, sheriff's deputy Robert Roth said.

No details were being released about the suspects, who were arrested but have not been formally charged.

Police who searched the suspects' homes said the students had access to weapons and had downloaded material from the Internet with bomb-making instructions.

Investigators also discovered "hit lists" naming at least 10 victims, including other students, teachers and some of the suspects' parents, Roth said.

Stories and photos from wire services

Computers	360	Furniture	510	Home Electronics	570	Musical Instruments	740	Pets	820	House Unfurnished	878	Sporting Goods	980
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House Unfurnished 878
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Kadena, Oklahoma - Numerous die equipment to include men's medium vest suit, medium Zeagle Ranger BCD, Sherwood Rag w/depth & pressure gauge, Mosquito die computer, software, Tranium knife, die lights etc. Too many to list. Call 633-8959 or email cfooster@oasis.mediati.net

condition, \$90,000 obo P&G, will go fast. Call 486-5868 or 900-3734-6857

Walker, Korea - This Little Tikas triangular gym has lots of challenging climbing surfaces to explore. The fun slide is over 4' long. Interior platform is enclosed with high side walls. Call 772-722-2222 for call: 011-50-7722

Kadena, Okinawa - Surf Board Kadena, Okinawa - Surf Board/Kadema: NEV 511"x18"x21/8" comes with dakine 8' leash must sell \$250.00 obo. Call Jessy at 633-9300.

Kadena, Okinawa - Two 2000's Sea-Do GTX's Jet Skis. Immaculate condition, 130hp, only 42 hours of use, galvanized steel trailer for sale. Call: Asking \$8,000.00 a piece. Call 633-9300.

Sporting Goods 980

Camp Zama, Japan • Exercise machine, 5-month-old Crossbow exercises machine for sale \$250 OBO. For more details, call Kat at 042-750-7190 or email rednatas97@yahoo.com

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Kadena, Okinawa • WANTED! Spear Gun or Detachable Harpoon. Sling for reasonable price. Call 633-2181.

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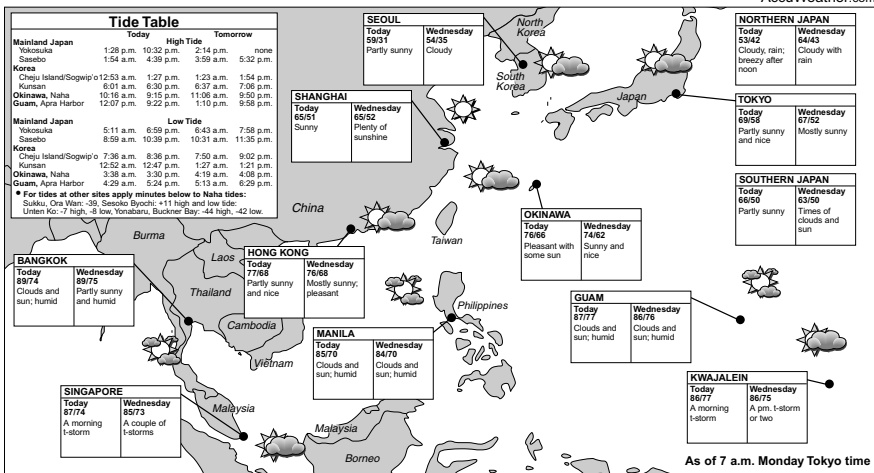
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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Thursday: Partly sunny,
high 65, low 55.
Friday: Partly sunny,
high 65, low 56.

KADENA

Thursday: Partly sunny,
high 74, low 65.
Friday: Partly sunny,
high 75, low 65.

SEUL

Thursday: Partly sunny,
high 59, low 39.
Friday: Showers,
high 56, low 35.

MANILA

Thursday: Periods of clouds and
sunshine,
high 86, low 71.
Friday: Mostly cloudy,
high 86, low 69.

HAGATNA

Thursday: Periods of clouds and
sunshine,
high 86, low 77.
Friday: Clouds and sunshine,
high 87, low 77.

Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	59/35	Los Angeles	71/51
Amarillo	68/43	Little Rock	74/64
Anchorage	30/14	Louisville	69/58
Ashville	77/54	Miami	87/75
Baltimore	76/48	Milwaukee	53/40
Birmingham	83/63	Nashville	74/62
Bismarck	49/32	New York	71/50
Boise	46/26	Omaha	66/44
Boston	71/48	Orlando	87/66
Brownsville	88/77	Philadelphia	75/50
Buffalo	57/42	Phoenix	75/49
Burlington	62/45	Pittsburgh	65/41
Charleston, SC	86/66	Portland, OR	52/39
Charlotte	83/62	Portland, ME	67/44
Chickasha	59/42	Salt Lake City	42/27
Cleveland	66/41	St. Louis	69/55
Columbus, OH	66/41	San Antonio	86/67
Duluth	46/35	San Diego	69/54
El Paso	73/48	San Juan	87/70
Hartford	72/46	Tampa	88/70
Helena	45/22	Tampa	88/70
Indianapolis	64/46	Tulsa	69/57
Jacksonville	87/64	Washington	80/54
Kansas City	69/49	Wichita	68/52

Tuesday, November 2



U.S. Extended Forecast

A large storm system will bring rain and thunderstorms from the eastern Great Lakes to the central Gulf Coast Tuesday. Windy conditions will prevail behind this storm. A large ridge will provide mainly sunny skies across the Plains and Rockies, while a weakening storm system will bring a few rain and mountain snow showers to the Pacific Northwest. Wednesday, rain and thunderstorms will move across much of the East Coast. A weak storm system moving into the northern Great Lakes will spread a few showers or flurries to the northern Plains. Some snow will fall across the mountains of Wyoming. High pressure will bring plenty of sunshine across the Southwest, southern Plains and Midwest.

Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	89/74	Wakani	70/49
Beijing	54/40	Kadena AB	76/66
Camp Casey	60/31	Kunsan AB	59/39
Christchurch	66/47	Kwajalein	86/77
Diego Garcia	82/75	Manila	85/70
Hagatna	87/77	Misawa AB	65/46
Hanoi	82/69	Osan	59/33
Hong Kong	77/68	Perth	72/50
Honolulu	86/73	Pusan	66/43
		Sapporo	53/42
		Seoul	59/31
		Shanghai	65/51
		Singapore	87/74
		Sydney	84/55
		Taegu	66/38
		Taipei	77/63
		Tokyo	69/58

Tuesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Budapest	62/37	Kabul	71/39
Buenos Aires	82/64	Kiev	48/36
Cairo	88/64	Kuwait	87/54
Cancun	85/71	London	51/44
Cape Town	75/55	Madrid	57/42
Geneva	51/43	Mexico City	68/43
Islamabad	74/57	Montreal	46/45
Jerusalem	81/59	Moscow	83/71
Johannesburg	84/63	Warsaw	50/39
		Nairobi	70/51
		New Delhi	85/55
		Oslo	46/40
		Paris	52/41
		Rio de Janeiro	75/67
		Rome	70/51
		St. Petersburg	36/31
		Stockholm	43/39



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MOVIES

• **SPORTS**

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	NFL Football Miami Dolphins at New York Jets. From Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. (CC)					ESPNNews	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)		Late Show (CC)	
7	AFN-Alt	(5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	(17) General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)			Spy "A Mumble Monster Mystery" (CC)	Animanicas	Braceface "Mead Meets Mace" (CC) (E)	Teen Kids News (CC)
8	NEWS	CNN Daybreak	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)	Good Morning America (CC)			Headline News		Channel One		The Early Show (CC)	
9	SPORTS	NFL Football Sports		Sports			Sports					
10	SPEC	The Simpsons The Simpsons	Everybody Loves Raymond "Lucky" (CC)	Enterprise	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Blood Work" Investigators process the scene of a hit-and-run accident. (CC)		Biography "James Lee Curtis: Hollywood on the West Coast" Profiling actress James Lee Curtis. (CC)	Friends Monica goes into Richard at the store. (CC)		Seinfeld Beta Monica finds a softball game. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)
11	AFN-Alt	SpongeBob	Rugrats (CC)	The Proud Family Amanda	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Blood Work" Investigators process the scene of a hit-and-run accident. (CC)		Biography "James Lee Curtis: Hollywood on the West Coast" Profiling actress James Lee Curtis. (CC)	Friends Monica goes into Richard at the store. (CC)		Seinfeld Beta Monica finds a softball game. (CC)	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)
12	AFN-Alt	Real World: San Francisco (15) • "Harlan County USA" (2000) Drama; Holly Hunter, Stellan Skarsgard, Ted Levine. A miner's wife fights a company's shattering tactics. (CC)										
13	MTM	Dragon Tales Zoom (E) (CC) and Wheelie learn to swim. (E) (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (DVS)									
14	PBS	Dragon Tales Zoom (E) (CC) and Wheelie learn to swim. (E) (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (DVS)									
15	SHOW	Dragon Tales Zoom (E) (CC) and Wheelie learn to swim. (E) (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (DVS)									
16	A&E	Dragon Tales Zoom (E) (CC) and Wheelie learn to swim. (E) (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (DVS)									
17	DISC	Dragon Tales Zoom (E) (CC) and Wheelie learn to swim. (E) (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (DVS)									
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19	CNN-I	Dragon Tales Zoom (E) (CC) and Wheelie learn to swim. (E) (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (DVS)									
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30	LIFE	Dragon Tales Zoom (E) (CC) and Wheelie learn to swim. (E) (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (DVS)									
31	ABC-FM	Dragon Tales Zoom (E) (CC) and Wheelie learn to swim. (E) (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (DVS)									
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JAPAN TV

Afternoon
12:30 V.I.P. (12)
1:30 U.S. Movie (1998): Primary Colors
2:00 (12)
5:50 News (6)
Evening
7:00 NHK News (1)
7:50 Ultimate Fighting: Pride 28 (8)
10:00 News (1)
12:59 Ultimate Fighting: K-1 Max Preview (6)
2:59 British-U.S. Movie (1999): The Big Tease
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JAPAN TV (BS7)
Morning
9:15 World News
10:10 BS Documentary (r)

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Afternoon
12:15 CNN News
2:15 PBS NewsHour
3:15 CNN News
4:15 World News
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Evening
6:15 CNN News
9:15 Economic News
10:10 BS Documentary: 2004 Presidential Election (2/2)
11:15 NFL: Miami Dolphins vs. New York Jets (1)
2:15 Asian News
3:35 World Amazing Sports
4:15 Asian News
5:10 World News

JAPAN TV (BS11)

Mornin

10:00 Classical Music: Kiso Music Festival (2)
Afternoon
 2:11 British Movie (1964): Pop Gear (1:14)
Evening
 7:00 NHK News
 8:00 U.S. Movie (1988): Red Heat (1:50)
 10:00 TV Series: The West Wing 3
 12:15 U.S. Movie (1984): Places in the Heart
 (1:55)

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7:30 Oswald #35
8:00 German-Italian-U.S. French Movie
(2002): Heaven (1:40)
9:55 U.S. Movie (2001): The Pledge (2:05)
Afternoon
12:00 TV Series: Sex and the City
12:30 TV Series: Sex and the City

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2:40 U.S. Movie (1988): Rain Man (2:20)
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 6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola
 8:00 TV Series: Third Watch
 9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
 10:00 U.S. Movie (1997): My Best Friend's Wedding (1:50)
 11:50 The Beat File: Eric Clapton
 1:50 Britney Spears Live 2004
 3:20 Beyonce Live
 4:40 Jazz File: Miles Davis Live

MTV

Morning
6:00 Wake Up
7:00 M Size Monday
8:00 Top Choice
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11:00 Top Choice

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12:00 The Osbournes
12:30 Making the Video: Hilary Duff
1:00 Classic
1:30 Top Choice
2:00 Pure Music
3:00 Top Choice
4:00 Top Choice Selection: Hip Hop, R&B Reggae
5:00 25th Live Special: Coldplay
Evening
6:00 M Music Tuesday
7:00 World Chart Express Powered by Honda
9:00 Live: Nobodyknows+
9:30 M Size All Request
10:00 YATAI
11:00 SUM 41: Makes a Video
11:30 Casabian Special
12:00 G-Spot
12:30 Consensus: Backstreet Boys
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2:00 M Size All Request
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3:00 After Hours

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AFN TV & Radio

Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—NFL playoffs: Conference semifinal, New England at Columbus (radio).

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NFL: ESPN NFL Monday Night Football.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—Figure skating: Skate America.

AFN-Sports, 11 a.m.—NFL: Miami at NY Jets.

AFN-Sports, 11 a.m.—Horse racing: 2004 Breeders' Cup (radio).

AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.—Day racing: NHRA at Las Vegas (radio).

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 7 p.m.—NFL: Miami at NY Jets.

AFN-Pacific, 11 p.m.—College football: Missouri at Nebraska (radio).

Wednesday

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—NFL: Miami at NY Jets (radio).

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—NBA: Houston at Detroit.

AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.—NBA: Denver at L.A. Lakers.

AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.—NBA: Inside the NBA.

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—NBA: Sacramento at Atlanta.

AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—College football: Toledo at Miami, Ohio (radio).

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Running

Marine Corps Marathon

Swiss Airline, Va. Men

1. Retta Feysiba, Bronx, N.Y., 2 hours, 25 minutes, 35 seconds.

2. Terrence Shea, Rochester, Mich., 2:25:55.

3. Chris Suarez, San Antonio, 2:26:26.

4. Jose Miranda, Mexico, 2:26:26.

5. David Bunde, Birmingham, Ala., 2:26:48.

6. Benjamin Palumbo, Mexico, 2:26:48.

7. Paul Radack, Silver Spring, Md., 2:31:18.

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Golf

Chrysler Championship

Sunday

At Westin Innbrook Golf Club

Palm Harbor, Fla.

Purse: \$1 million

Yardage: 7,400; Par: 71

Final Round

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2. Phil Mickel, 68-67-68-67=256

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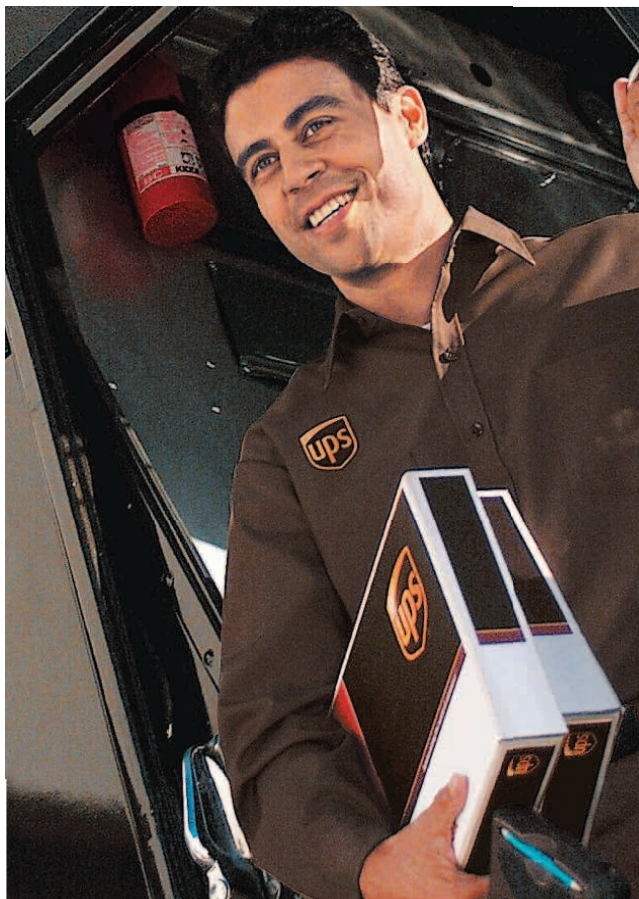
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The sun rises over the two Jima Memorial on Sunday as the start of the Marine Corps Marathon draws near. In the foreground are some of the many tents set up around the memorial, where the race finishes.

Feyissa, Bailey are champions in 29th Marine Corps Marathon

Women's title goes to female from Corps for first time

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Retta Feyissa's trick: the ability to run, mile after mile after mile. His treat: finishing first in the 29th Annual Marine Corps Marathon, run on Halloween.

The 29-year-old Ethiopian native, who has made the Bronx home for the past year, said it was faith in God and his desire to run for his sponsoring non-profit organization Catholic Charities spurred him to come from behind and win the race in 2 hours, 25 minutes, 34 seconds.

"Like winning all the time," he said of his 11 years of running marathons. "I'm happy."

His shirt bore the Catholic Charities' motto: "Faith Works Wonders." Works for Feyissa, he said. "Catholic charities is my life. I came to this country [SPEAKING] asylum and they find me a job," he said, adding he is a janitor at a nursing home in New York.

In the women's category, active duty Capt. Mary Kate Bailey, 29, made a little history when she came in as the first female Marine to take the top spot with a running time of 02:48:30. She said she knew going in she'd win, if and only if, she paced herself from the very start. That she did, for all 26.2 miles of the race.

"Being active duty, and being a Marine and winning this race, you just don't know the pride I feel," said the logistics officer stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

She's from a family of Marines.



JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

Women's winner Mary Kate Bailey (37) of Arlington, Va. approaches the 16-mile mark on Sunday. Running with her is Victoriano Lopez of Washington D.C. (188).

Her three brothers are active duty Marine officers, as was her father, who is buried at the sprawling Arlington National Cemetery, near where Sunday's start/finish lines.

"Having dad here made all the difference. I just kept thinking of him," she said at the finish line, set up at the base of the Marine Corps Memorial, honoring all Marines who have given their lives in the defense of the United States since 1775.

Sunday didn't feel like any typical Halloween's Eve in the nation's capital as the balmy and humid 70-degree weather affected some runners more than they'd anticipated.

Second-place overall finisher, Terrance "Terry" Shea, 30, said the humidity slowed him and consumed more of his energy and made the race difficult, especially after mile 20.

Chris Kaag, 28, came in first in the hand-crank category. Two weeks after his 21st birthday, the former active duty Marine said his legs failed to work properly and his was diagnosed with a nerve disorder similar to muscular dystrophy.

He started Sunday's race looking to finish, never dreaming he'd end up winning his category.

"Guess that's cuz I trained my [butt] off," he said with a chuckle.

Last year's top runner, Peter Sherry, repeated the disappointment he felt in himself.

"I did poorly. Very poorly. I'm a little embarrassed. It just wasn't my day," said the three-time marathon runner who came in 16th overall.

But when he saw his 5-year-old daughter, Kelsey, and hoisted her into his lap, sent the disappointment melted.

"The only reason I finished was cuz of you. Sorry I didn't win," he said, eliciting a giggle from the little girl.

She wrapped her arms around him.

"We couldn't be prouder," beamed his wife, Faith Sherry.

Live results and more information on the race can be found at: <http://www.marine-marathon.com/>

E-mail Sandra Jontz at: jontzs@stripes.osd.mil

Singh becomes golf's first \$10 million man

The Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Vijay Singh became golf's first \$10 million man, winning the Chrysler Championship by five strokes on Sunday.

Singh closed with a 6-under 65 to win his ninth tournament this year, matching Tiger Woods' six of the most victories in a season on the PGA Tour since 1950.

He finished at 18-under 266 to set the tournament record by one shot, previously held by K.J. Choi in 2002. He earned \$900,000 with the victory at Innisbrook, pushing his total to \$10,725,166. That's more than \$5 million more than Phil Mickelson, who is second on the money list.

Jesper Parnevik birdied the final hole to shoot 68 and tie for second place. That boosted Parnevik to No. 40 on the money list, qualifying him for next year's Masters. Tommy Armour III three-putted the final hole for a 69 to share second place at 13 under.

Singh now goes to the Tour Championship with a shot at a 10-10 season — 10 victories, \$10 million.

Cowboys put wide receiver Glenn on injured reserve

IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terry Glenn will miss the rest of the season after being placed on injured reserve Saturday because of a foot injury. Glenn, the third Cowboys starter to be put on injured reserve this season, joining tight end Dan Campbell and cornerback Steve Hunter. Two rookies, offensive lineman Stephen Peterman and cornerback Bruce Thornton, are also on the season-ending list.

Glenn tore ligaments in his left foot in Sunday's 41-20 loss at Green Bay. Coach Bill Parcells initially said the injury as "pretty severe" and that Glenn, who had 24 catches for 400 yards, would miss at least two games.

Kenseth wins Aaron's 312

HAMPTON, Ga. — Nextel Cup regular Matt Kenseth held off Kyle Busch in a two-lap sprint to the finish, winning the Busch race at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Saturday.

Kenseth had quite a day. After his Busch victory, he went back on the track and won the final International Race of Champions event, clinching the IROC series championship.

Kenseth was leading the Aaron's 312 when a crash in turn two took out Reed Sorenson and Clint Bowyer with less than three laps to go.

The race was red-flagged while the wreckage was cleared. On the restart, Kenseth's Ford got a good jump and was able to hold off Busch's Chevrolet on the 1.54-mile oval.

Ghostzapper is Frankel's first winner in Breeders' Cup Classic

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — Trainer Bobby Frankel finally broke through in the Breeders' Cup Classic, with Ghostzapper. The 4-year-old colt won the richest race Saturday at Lone Star Park.

Frankel, who had just two wins

Sports briefs

with 62 Breeders' Cup starters before the \$4 million Classic, saddled the beaten favorite the past three years — Medaglia d'oro in 2002-03 and Aptitude in 2001.

Years of frustration for Frankel ended with Ghostzapper's record run. Ridden by Javier Castellano, the 4-year-old colt sprung from the gate and was in control all the way around the track, winning by three lengths over Roses in May.

Winning time for the 1¼ miles was 1:59.02, bettering the Classic mark of 1:59.16 set by Skip Away in 1997 at Hollywood Park.

The great mare Azeri finished a non-threatening fifth in a 13-horse field considered the deepest in the 21-year history of the Breeders' Cup. Defending champion Pleasantly Perfect was third, Belmont Stakes winner Birdstone was seventh, and Funny Cide, last year's Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, was 10th.

Dana College quarterback attempts 101 passes in game

HASTINGS, Neb. — Dana College's Tom Lensch set an all-division college record by attempting 101 passes in a 60-35 loss to Hastings College on Saturday. Lensch completed 56 passes for a school record 507 yards. He threw for three touchdowns and was intercepted three times.

Lensch broke the NAIA record of 92 attempts by Patrick Gray of Hanover, Ind., against Georgetown, Ky., in 1991.

The NCAA record is 82 attempts by Purdue's Drew Brees against Wisconsin in 1998.

Dana, a school of 500 students in Blair, Neb., plays a spread offense that features as many as five wideouts.

The Vikings had 110 offensive plays and finished with a school record 563 yards.

Wizards advance to MLS Western Conference final

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jack Jewsbury's goal in injury time gave Kansas City a 3-0 victory over the San Jose Earthquakes on Saturday night, sending the Wizards to the Western Conference final with a 3-2 victory in the home-and-home, total-goals series.

D.C. United and Los Angeles also advanced on Saturday.

Park wins Nine Bridges Classic

JEJU, South Korea — Grace Park won the LPGA's CJ Nine Bridges Classic on Sunday, shooting a 7-under 65 for a five-stroke victory.

Park finished at 1-under 200. Top-ranked Annika Sorenstam and Carin Koch, both of Sweden, shot 67 and tied for second at 11 under.

Poulter defeats Garcia in Volvo Masters play-off

SOTOGRADE, Spain — Ian Poulter of England beat Sergio Garcia with a par on the first play-off hole to win the Volvo Masters. The 21-year-old won his 72 holes at Valderrama in 7-under-par 277. Both shot final rounds of 1-under 70.

Wolverines rally past Spartans in triple OT

No. 12 Michigan erases 17-point deficit in fourth quarter, seizes Big Ten lead



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Michigan's **Byron Edwards** makes the **triple overtime catch** in regulation in front of **Michigan State's Jaren Hayes**. The **Wolverines went on to win 45-37 in three overtimes.**

By **LARRY LAGE**
The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — **Byron Edwards** experienced a joy millions of NFL dollars couldn't buy.

Edwards caught two touchdown passes to help Michigan erase a 17-point, fourth-quarter deficit in just 5:44, and grabbed a third TD in triple overtime to lift the Wolverines to a 45-37 victory over Michigan State on Saturday.

"This is why I came back," said Edwards, who chose to be a Michigan senior rather than an NFL rookie this year. "To be honest, I've never felt like this after a game."

The Spartans have probably never left Michigan Stadium — where they haven't won since 1990 — more devastated.

"It was a game I feel we could have won and should have won,"

Michigan State coach John L. Smith said. "I'm just sick."

With the thrilling comeback, No. 12 Michigan (8-1, 6-0 Big Ten) moved a half-game ahead of idle Wisconsin in the conference and kept its hopes alive for a Bowl Championship Series bid.

"It was one of the greatest games I've ever been in," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "It's unfortunate somebody has to lose. We're still in the race. We still have a chance to do something."

The Spartans (4-4, 3-2) had a great chance to pull off an upset, but could not hold onto a 27-10 lead with 8:43 left.

The Spartans were without starting quarterback Drew Stanton after he separated his right shoulder late in the first half.

After accounting for 80 yards rushing and a TD and 95 yards passing, Stanton was relegated to

watching the lead he helped build slip away.

Smith was asked to explain why he left Jaren Hayes in one-on-one coverage on both of Edwards' TDs in regulation.

"Our kid was there to make a play. He just went up a foot higher," Smith said. "I'm not going to pound on my kid for that. The other guy is just a great athlete."

Edwards caught 11 passes for 189 yards — breaking Anthony Carter's school record for career yards receiving.

"Braylon Edwards made plays that I don't think anybody else can make," Carr said.

Freshman Chad Henne was 24-for-35 for 273 yards with four TDs.

Michael Hart had 33 carries for 224 yards — his third straight 200-yard game — and a TD, but limped off the field with a bruised thigh during the first overtime.

Michigan State's DeAndre Cobb scored on a 72-yard run early in the first quarter and again on 64-yard run to put the Spartans ahead 27-10 midway through the fourth. Cobb finished with 205 yards on 22 carries.

Damon Dowdell, who replaced Stanton, was 8-for-13 for 72 yards.

The Spartans had a chance to win the game in regulation — after pass interference was called with no time left — but Dave Rayner's 50-yard kick into a stiff wind was short.

After both teams kicked field goals in the first overtime, Michigan State's Jason Teague scored on a 3-yard run and Michigan answered with a 5-yard pass to a leaping Jason Avant in the back corner of the end zone.

Following Edwards' third TD, the Spartans gained just 2 yards and the game ended with an incomplete pass to the end zone.

Baylor stuns No. 16 Texas A&M with 2-point conversion

The Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Baylor coach Guy Morriss gathered his players around him, took a look at his weary bunch and went with the only decision that made sense to him. The Bears had to end the game, win or lose, with a 2-point conversion.

"I had a gut feeling that it was right thing to do at that point to drive the nail in the coffin," Morriss said. "We wanted to teach our kids how to drop the hammer on someone."

Did they ever.

Shawn Bell found Dominique Zeigler in the end zone for the winning score a play after they connected on a 12-yard touchdown pass, lifting Baylor to a 35-34 overtime victory over No. 16 Texas A&M on Saturday night.

After Texas A&M's Keith Joseph scored on a 16-yard touchdown run on the first possession of overtime, Bell and Zeigler led the Bears (3-5, 1-4 Big 12) to the stunning finish.

Bell completed a pass for no gain on the Bears' first play, Anthony Krieg rushed for 13 yards

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on second down and then Bell rolled to his right before finding Zeigler just inside the goal line.

Morriss boldly decided to go for the 2-point conversion, hoping to catch the Aggies (6-2, 4-1) by surprise.

The call stunned even Zeigler, who missed the huddle because he was getting treated for leg cramps on the bench.

"I didn't even know we were going for 2," he said. "All of a sudden they said, 'Get in Ziggy. We're going for 2.'"

It worked to perfection.

Baylor ran the same play again, with Bell scrambling to his right looking for anyone in a green jersey. He zipped a pass to Zeigler just in front of A&M defensive back Melvin Bullitt for the score, setting off a wild celebration at a school that's had few things to party about in recent years.

Gold and green-clad students stormed the field, quickly taking down the goal posts in the south

end zone and carrying them up and out of Floyd Casey Stadium. Loud music blared over the stadium speakers — oddly fitting at a Baptist university that didn't allow dances on campus until eight years ago — and a mosh pit formed on the field.

"Beating A&M was very sweet," Baylor linebacker Justin Crooks said. "I can't describe how we feel. We can hardly believe it." In other Top 25 games Saturday:

No. 1 Southern Cal 42, Washington 12: At Pullman, Wash., Reggie Bush and Lendale White each scored two touchdowns and Dwayne Jarrett caught two TD passes from Matt Leinart as the Trojans routed the Cougars for their 17th straight victory.

In rolling up 426 yards, USC (8-0, 5-0 Pac-10) extended its conference win streak to 12 games.

The Trojans held the Cougars (3-5, 1-4) to 156 yards, sucking quarterback Alex Brink five times, forcing seven fumbles and limiting the Cougars to minus-9 yards rushing.

No. 3 Auburn 35, Mississippi

14: At Oxford, Miss., Jason Campbell rushed for two touchdowns and threw for one and Auburn clinched a spot in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

Campbell, the league's most efficient quarterback, was 11-of-22 for 234 yards and had two 1-yard touchdown runs for the Tigers (9-0, 6-0), who scored 28 points after halftime to lock up the Western Division title before their first off week of the season.

Flatt was 12-for-20 for 225 yards and two touchdowns for Ole Miss (3-5, 2-3).

No. 7 California 27, No. 20 Arizona State 0: At Berkeley, Calif., J.J. Arrington ran for 188 yards and a score and California forced five turnovers in its second straight shutout. Tim Mixon returned an interception 88 yards for a TD for the Golden Bears (6-1, 4-1 Pac-10), whose increasingly dominant defense held Sun Devils quarterback Andrew Walter without a TD pass while posting consecutive shutouts for the first time since 1968.

No. 8 Texas 31, Colorado 7: At Boulder, Colo., Vince Young

got a couple of bad throws out of his system early and Texas rolled from there, getting 141 yards rushing from Cedric Benson.

No. 9 Utah 51, San Diego State 28: At San Diego, Alex Smith threw a career-high five touchdown passes for undefeated Utah (8-0, 4-0 Mountain West), which is attempting to become the first team from a non-BCS conference to participate in the Bowl Championship Series.

No. 19 LSU 24, Vanderbilt 7: At Baton Rouge, La., Alley Broussard ran for 80 yards and a touchdown, spearheading a strong running attack for LSU (6-2, 3-2 Southeastern Conference). The Tigers rushed for 273 yards, with Joseph Addai adding 77 and quarterback Marcus Randall 68. The Tigers also got a 65-yard punt return for a TD by Skyler Green.

Indiana 30, No. 24 Minnesota 21: At Bloomington, Ind., Indiana's Will Lumpkin returned an interception 42 yards for a touchdown and Matt Lovvick threw for two scores as the Hoosiers (3-5, 1-4) scored 23 unanswered points to upset the Gophers (6-3, 3-3).

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Terps haul down Seminoles

No. 5 Florida St. falls to Maryland for first time ever

BY DAVID GINSBURG
The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Fifth-ranked Florida State was in the process of completing another comeback on the road, and Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen could think of only one course of action.

"I was praying hard," he said. "Our kids played with so much heart, it would have been a shame to lose this game."

The Terrapins held on, and thousands among the sellout crowd of 52,203 charged onto the field Saturday night immediately after the highly improbable 20-17 upset.

Florida State (6-2, 4-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) came in with a six-game winning streak and a perfect 14-0 record against Maryland (4-4, 2-3), which had scored a total of 17 points in losing three straight conference games.

But the Terrapins got 333 passing yards from maligned quarterback Joel Statham and a solid performance from the defense in defeating a top 10 team for the first time since 1990.

"Nothing lasts forever. You get 14 wins in a row, and it happens when you least expect it," Seminoles coach Bobby Bowden said.

Florida State trailed 20-10 before Bowden summoned former starting quarterback Chris Rix at the start of the fourth quarter.

On his second series, Rix moved FSU to the 35 before an 52-yard field goal try by Xavier Beitia hit the left crossbar.

On his next drive, Rix threw his first touchdown pass of the season, a 16-yarder to Chancey Season, with 7:43 remaining that made it 20-17.

After a Maryland punt, Rix got the Seminoles in position for another field goal attempt by Beitia,



Florida State wide receiver Dominic Robinson, right, makes a catch as Maryland free safety Ray Custis defends in the fourth quarter Saturday.

who was wide left on 45-yard field goal try with 4:45 to go — his third miss of the game.

"We missed enough field goals to win it," Bowden said. "They made the big plays and we didn't. That was the difference."

Rix got one final chance two minutes later, but his fourth-down pass from the FSU 27 soared over the head of Lome Sam with 1:38 to go.

At game's end, Terrapins fans rushed the field and embraced the players — but spared the goal posts, which were guarded by police officers.

"To beat the No. 5 team in the nation should be a benchmark for this program," Friedgen said. "I think we can make tremendous strides from this win."

Maryland had never come closer than 14 points against the Semi-

nolles, and it seemed unlikely that the pattern would change during a season in which Statham had struggled enough to put his starting job in jeopardy.

But the sophomore repeatedly pierced the nation's eighth-ranked defense with slant patterns and screen passes, finding seven different receivers in going 21-for-40 with one interception. He threw for one score and ran for another in finally solidifying his stature as the starting quarterback.

"It was just a matter of time before I got my stuff down and played smarter than I have been," Statham said.

Florida State starting quarterback Wyatt Sexton went 14-for-30 for 164 yards and two interceptions, and halfback Lorenzo Booker was limited to 51 yards on 13 carries.

the football game. We win as a team and lose as a team, and that's the case for us tonight."

Coker's team showed signs of faltering in recent weeks, despite

Greene, Georgia get long-awaited victory at Florida's Swamp

BY MARK LONG

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — David Greene begged for the football as time expired.

After much pleading with a referee, he got it. And even after hugging teammates and doling out high-fives with fans, he was clutching it as he left Alltel Stadium on Saturday.

He really wanted a souvenir from this one.

Who could blame him? This was his last game against Florida — and his first victory.

Greene threw three touchdown passes, including a big one in the fourth quarter, and No. 10 Georgia snapped a six-game losing streak against the Gators, 31-24.

"We wanted this game so bad," Greene said. "It's my senior year, and I knew this was the last time I was ever going to play a game on this stage."

Greene tied Eric Zeier's school record with 67 touchdown passes and matched Peyton Manning for the most victories (39) by a starting quarterback in NCAA Division I-A.

More importantly, Greene helped Georgia end years of frustration at the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party. Florida had won 13 of the last 14 in the series.

"I'm glad our fans can come back here and not have to listen to Florida fans running their mouths anymore," defensive end David Pollack said.

The Bulldogs (7-1, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) tied touchdowns on their first three possessions — eliminating whatever emotional edge the Gators may have had from the firing of coach Ron Zook this week.

"It was very unsettling. I didn't know how the team would take it," Zook said. "It was an emotional week. But I am proud of them for hanging in there. We just did too little, too late."

Georgia controlled the first half and led 24-7 early in the third when Florida (4-4, 2-4) seized momentum with two huge plays.

Chris Leak hooked up with Andre Caldwell for a 57-yard score.

Then Ciatrick Fason ran 38 yards to set up Billy Latsko's 3-yard touchdown reception, which cut the lead to 24-21 with about 12 minutes to play.

Greene then ended any chance of Florida finishing the comeback.

He scrambled around on the ensuing play and threw a perfect pass to Reggie Brown for a 51-yard gain. Five plays later, on third-and-9 from the 15, he found Fred Gibson for his record-tying touchdown.

Although Matt Leach kicked a 52-yard field goal to give the Gators another chance, Georgia running backs Danny Ware and Thomas Brown picked up enough yardage after a failed onside kick to seal the victory.

Then the celebration began — starting with Greene pleading for the ball.

Players hugged and danced at midfield, then took the party to the sideline. Greene was one of the last ones to leave, spending extra time frolicking with fans while gripping the game ball.

"I'm hanging out in the locker room," he said. "I'll put it in my room somewhere."

Maybe not. Coach Mark Richt said Greene might have to return it because of NCAA rules.

Still, the issue did little to spoil Georgia's mood.

"It's been a long time coming," Richt said. "A lot of people have been through a lot of pain and suffering, and they finally get to enjoy it."

Greene finished 15-for-37 for 255 yards and no interceptions. Gibson caught five passes for 59 yards and Pollack had two sacks.

Heels: UNC's Scott wears out Miami's less-than-stellar defense

HEELS, FROM BACK PAGE

Berlin was 20-for-35 for 338 yards and two touchdowns, but the Hurricanes had only 77 yards

rushing, the first time all season they've failed to reach 100.

"My hat's off to North Carolina," Coker said. "They outplayed us overall and deserved to win

the football game. We win as a team and lose as a team, and that's the case for us tonight."

Coker's team showed signs of faltering in recent weeks, despite

winning its first six games for the fourth straight season. In the previous two games, the Hurricanes allowed a total of 947 yards in victories over Louisville and North Carolina State, and the Tar Heels also took advantage.

They took the opening kickoff and drove 57 yards in only four plays to take a 7-0 lead on Durant's 35-yard scoring toss to Mike Mason. In the first half alone, North Carolina had 351 yards of total offense.

"There's no rhyme or reason," Miami cornerback Antrel Rolle said. "It's just a gut check. They wanted it more than we did. There's nothing really technical to it."

Scott consistently found openings in the defense, and about the only thing that slowed him down was a hip pointer he suffered late in the third quarter. He walked gingerly to the locker room, but jogged back to the sideline about

15 minutes later to a loud cheer from the soldout crowd.

On the first carry of his return, he ran 5 yards on second-and-4, then capped off that drive by bulging 9 yards into the end zone to make it 28-21 early in the fourth.

"I can't say enough about Chad Scott," North Carolina coach John Bunting said. "And what can you say about the offensive line and what they did?"

Berlin, who had 11 touchdown passes in the past three games, started fast again, going 7-for-9 for 131 yards and two TDs in the first quarter. But the Hurricanes abandoned the passing game and tried to establish the run, a tactic that didn't work. Tyrone Moss led the ground game with 30 yards on eight carries, and leading rusher Frank Gore had only 27.

"It was a very gratifying win and it was nice to see they did not get 100 yards rushing," Bunting said. "When is the last time that happened, 100 yards ago or so?"

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Right idea, wrong guy

Manning's pass picked off to finish Colts' comeback

BY STEVE BREISNDEEN

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—In yet another Kansas City Chiefs shootout, Peyton Manning negated his huge day by throwing the ball to the wrong guy.

The Indianapolis Colts' star passed for 472 yards and five touchdowns on Sunday. But with his team trying frantically to come back from a 10-point deficit, Manning's pass was intercepted by Greg Wesley in the end zone and returned 65 yards to seal the Chiefs' 45-35 victory.

Kansas City (2-4) broke a seven-game losing streak against the Colts (4-3) since 1985, including five straight defeats at home.

Trent Green threw for 389 yards and twice hooked up with tight end Tony Gonzalez on touchdown plays, and Priest Holmes overcame an early fumble to finish with 143 yards rushing and three touchdowns.

Kansas City won consecutive games for the first time this year. Indianapolis has lost two straight.

The Chiefs gained 590 yards, the Colts with 505. Green's 14 straight completions in the first half fell one short of Len Dawson's team record set in 1967.

Green's 5-for-5 performance on Kansas City's last scoring drive was just as important.

Manning's 6-yard TD pass to Reggie Wayne, Wayne's second TD catch of the day, pulled Indianapolis within 38-35 with just under 5½ minutes left. Green's 25-yard throw to Eddie Kennison on third down got Kansas City to the Colts' 19. Green hit Gonzalez for a 14-yard score and a 45-35 lead.

Manning, starting the ensuing possession at the Colts' 44, hit Brandon Stokley for 21 yards and Marcus Pollard for 10. On the next play, he threw into a sea of red jerseys. Before then, Manning had picked the Chiefs' defense apart seemingly at will. Only overthrows of several open receivers kept him from ringing up even more yardage and at least two more touchdowns.

With the Colts down 31-14 at

the half, Manning was 6-for-6 for 162 yards in the third quarter closing the deficit to 31-28 at the end of the period on TD passes of 22 yards to Marvin Harrison and 41 yards to Wayne.

Holmes scored from inches out with just under 13 minutes left in the game for a 38-31 lead.

The Chiefs stuffed a fake punt on Indianapolis' opening possession, then Holmes fumbled at the Colts' 5 and Idrees Bashir recovered at the 4. Two pass interference penalties helped the Colts move to their 48, and Manning hit Gonzalez's 500th career catch and his 7-yard TD throw to Johnnie Morton early in the second.

Holmes ran 21 yards on a draw play for a 21-7 lead, but Manning's 5-yard pass to Pollard made it 21-14 before the Chiefs closed the half with a 10-point surge on Holmes' 11-yard run and Lawrence Tynes' 32-yard field goal.



Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Marvin Harrison catches a 52-yard TD pass from Peyton Manning during the first quarter against Kansas City.

Favre sparks Packers over 'Skins

The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md.—Playing despite a sprained hand and a major personal distraction, Brett Favre started on a roll and survived a rocky finish.

Favre and the Green Bay Packers won their first straight game Sunday, beating the Washington Redskins 28-14 to pull back to 5-0 after opening 1-4.

The Redskins, trailing 20-14, set off a frenzy on Mark Brunell's 43-yard pass to Clinton Portis for an apparent go-ahead touchdown with 2:35 to play. But the play was called back because of an illegal motion penalty against receiver James Thrash.

On the next play, Al Harris intercepted Brunell's pass and returned the ball 29 yards, setting up Alman Green's 11-yard TD run four plays later.

Favre grimaced at times as he grabbed the throwing hand he sprained in last week's victory over Dallas. But he persevered to complete 20 of 33 passes for 289 yards and a touchdown, extending to 33 his streak of games with a TD pass.

Favre also did his part to keep the Redskins in the game. He had two passes intercepted by Shawn Springs, setting up both Washington touchdowns. His third interception, an unwise deep throw hauled in by Fred Smoot, gave the Redskins the chance to complete the penalty-negated touchdown pass to Portis.

Since learning of his wife's breast cancer three weeks ago, an ordeal that became public only last week, Favre has completed 68 of 100 passes and the Packers have outscored their opponents 107-44.

Colts 21, Lions 21 At Irving, Texas, Vinny Testaverde stunned everyone with a 7-yard run on fourth- and 3-to set up a tying touchdown, then scrambled 3 yards for the go-ahead score as Dallas (3-4) ended a three-game losing streak.

With Keyshawn Johnson the only receiver in the lineup who'd ever caught a pass, the Cowboys ran a season-high 41 times for 127 yards. Eddie George had season highs of 31



Green Bay's Ahmad Green jumps into the arms of lineman Grey Rugeamer after scoring a TD in the fourth quarter against Washington.

carries and 99 yards. Testaverde also came through with his arm while completing a 38-yard touchdown pass to Johnson with 1:54 left to seal the outcome. Testaverde completed 19 of 24 passes for 235 yards, offsetting three interceptions with three touchdowns, two to Johnson.

Detroit (4-3) was stopped on third-and-1 and fourth-and-1 from the Dallas 37 while down a touchdown early in the fourth quarter and had a field goal attempt and a long punt return wiped out by penalties.

Joey Harrington, the NFL's best fourth-quarter quarterback this season, made things interesting with a 50-yard touchdown pass to David Kircus that pulled Detroit within 24-21 with 5:29 left.

After Testaverde put Dallas back up by 10, Harrington's next pass was intercepted and the Cowboys ran out the clock.

Bills 38, Cardinals At Orchard Park, N.Y.,

Willis McGahee, starting for the second time, ran for 102 yards and two touchdowns to lead Buffalo (2-5).

Both of McGahee's 100-yard games have come in Buffalo victories.

The Cardinals (2-5) continued to struggle away from home, after a 25-17 upset of Seattle in Arizona last week. The loss was Arizona's 17th straight on the road, the worst current streak in the NFL.

Terrence McGee had an 87-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, Eric Moulden an 8-yard scoring catch and rookie tight end Tim Euhus added a 12-yard touchdown reception, helping the Bills score their most points since beating Jacksonville 38-17 in the second week of the 2003 season.

Texans 20, Jaguars 6 At Houston, Demarcus Faggins returned Byron Leftwich's errant pass 43 yards for a score with 42 seconds left, clinching Houston's victory over Jacksonville.

David Carr completed 26 of 34 passes for 276 yards and a touchdown for the Texans (4-3), who held Jacksonville (5-3) to 39 yards rushing and to virtually nothing offensively until the fourth quarter.

A week after leading the Jaguars to the winning field goal at Indianapolis, Leftwich had another chance for some late-game heroics. Instead, Faggins stepped in front of receiver Best Wilford for the interception and sprinted down the sideline into the end zone. Leftwich finished 25-for-40 for 227 yards with two interceptions.

Titans 27, Bengals 20 At Nashville, Tenn., Tennessee rested Steve McNair and his aching chest, and backup Billy Volek responded by throwing for two touchdowns and 210 yards as the Titans (3-5) won for the first time at home this season.

Barry Anderson kicked two field goals and Chris Brown ran for a touchdown and 147 yards, his fifth 100-yard performance this season. The Titans snapped a two-game skid with their ninth victory in 10 games against Cincinnati (2-5).

Tennessee sacked Carson Palmer four times, hit him repeatedly, batted down four passes behind the line and forced him into an interception and a fumble.

NFL scoreboard

American Conference

	East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	0	0	0	1.000	148	90
N.Y. Jets	5	1	0	0	.833	177	102
Buffalo	2	5	0	0	.286	115	120
Miami	1	6	0	0	.143	86	121
	South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	4	3	0	0	.825	128	146
Houston	4	3	0	0	.871	158	143
Indianapolis	3	4	0	0	.871	218	178
Tennessee	3	5	0	0	.375	151	178
	North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	1	0	0	.833	136	114
Seattle	3	3	0	0	.571	127	100
Cleveland	3	4	0	0	.429	147	147
Cincinnati	4	4	0	0	.500	146	146
	West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	0	2	0	.214	140	142
San Diego	4	3	0	0	.871	177	142
Kansas City	3	4	0	0	.429	206	177
Oakland	2	5	0	0	.286	124	181

National Conference

	East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	0	0	0	1.000	186	104
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	0	.429	153	117
Dallas	3	4	0	0	.429	131	117
Washington	5	0	0	0	.286	98	123
	South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	5	2	0	0	.714	183	154
New Orleans	3	4	0	0	.429	154	191
Tampa Bay	2	5	0	0	.286	109	134
Carolina	4	5	0	0	.447	83	135
	North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	0	2	0	.214	183	162
Detroit	4	3	0	0	.871	137	154
Green Bay	4	4	0	0	.500	206	186
Chicago	1	5	0	0	.167	85	108
	West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	4	3	0	0	.871	158	165
San Francisco	3	4	0	0	.500	159	161
Arizona	2	5	0	0	.286	126	142
San Diego	1	6	0	0	.143	107	159

Sunday's games

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Houston 20, Jacksonville 6
Philadelphia 15, Baltimore 10
N.Y. Giants 34, Minnesota 13
Green Bay 28, Washington 14
Chicago at Atlanta 14
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Atlanta at Denver
Oakland at San Diego
New England at Pittsburgh
San Francisco at Chicago
Open: Tampa Bay, St. Louis, New Orleans, Cleveland

Monday's game

Washington at Detroit
Arizona at Miami
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo
Dallas at Cincinnati
Oakland at Carolina
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
Kansas City at Tampa Bay
Chicago at N.Y. Giants
Seattle at San Francisco
San Diego at Houston
Denver
New England at St. Louis
Cleveland at Baltimore
Open: Green Bay, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Tennessee

Monday, Nov. 8

Minnesota at Indianapolis

Giants continue to dominate Vikings

New York wins third straight in Minnesota

BY DAVE CAMPBELL
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — After another loss to the New York Giants, Mike Tice walked into the interview room and announced the only good news of the afternoon for Minnesota.

"The Giants are not on our schedule next year," the coach said. "Thank God."

Thanks to a swarming defense, tough runs by Tiki Barber, a few big catches by Jeremy Shockey and a turnover-free performance by Kurt Warner, the Giants beat the Vikings 34-13 on Sunday.

Going back to their 41-0 loss in the NFC championship game that followed the 2000 season, the Vikings haven't had much luck against New York. This was their third straight loss to the Giants — all at home.

In 2002, Daunte Culpepper was benched for the fourth quarter after going 9-for-20 for 91 yards against New York. Minnesota began last year with six victories in a row before losing 29-17 to the Giants and dropping seven of its final 10.

"For some reason, we just have great performances here," said Barber, who rushed 24 times for 101 yards and two short touchdowns.

Shockey caught three balls for 60 yards, Warner went 15-for-21 for 144 yards and New York (5-2) finally solved its red zone struggles by scoring all five times it

reached the Minnesota 20 — including four TDs. Backup Mike Cloud scored twice on short runs in the second half.

"We rebounded in the right way," said Barber, whose team dropped a 28-13 decision to Detroit last week.

Randy Moss was in street clothes after halftime, going without a catch for the second straight game while a strained right hamstring kept him from running at full speed. Moss didn't aggravate the injury, but felt some tightness and the Vikings didn't want to risk it.

"We've got to find a new personality until Randy's healthy," Tice said.

The Vikings (5-2) sure could have been helped, because their prolific offense had by far the worst performance of the season.

Culpepper finished 24-for-41 for 231 yards, one late touchdown and two interceptions.

"Everything that could've went bad for us did," said Culpepper, who ran for a team-high 32 yards.

Lance Johnstone had two of Minnesota's five sacks, but the Vikings were down as the scoreless possessions added up. Rookie Melwede Moore, who had 610 total yards in the last three games, was held to 29 yards on eight carries.

"I think we're a little spoiled, because we're used to putting up a lot of points," left tackle Bryant McKinnie said.

Culpepper threw a swing pass



New York Giants running back Tiki Barber (21) rushed for 101 yards and two touchdowns in Sunday's 34-13 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

on the opening possession that glanced off Moore's hands and helmet that appeared to be an incompletion — but Kevin Lewis scooped up the ball and returned it 16 yards to the Minnesota 22. The ruling, backed by instant replay when Tice lost the challenge, was a fumble because the throw went behind the line of scrimmage.

A 38-yard pass interference penalty on Corey Chavous set up Barber's first touchdown, making it 10-0 a little more than seven minutes into the game.

Culpepper was intercepted by Gabriel Wilson late in the first quarter, leading to Barber's next score. Marcus Robinson, who led the Vikings with 91 yards receiving, hauled in a 32-yard pass on 10-driver playoff run that reached the Giants 21 — but Morten Andersen banged a 38-yard field goal off the left upright after a low snap by Cullen Loeffler.

Owens again eludes Ravens; Eagles 7-0

BY ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens found a new way to celebrate touchdowns: He mocked Ray Lewis.

Owens had an 11-yard TD catch and David Akers kicked three field goals, helping the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Baltimore Ravens 15-10 Sunday to reach 7-0 for the first time in franchise history.

Owens, who made a few enemies in Baltimore after he spurned the Ravens and forced a trade to the Eagles in March, had eight catches for 101 yards. After breaking several tackles to score in the fourth quarter, Owens, known for his innovative celebrations, imitated the dance Lewis does when he's introduced before home games.

Lewis and Owens exchanged verbal shots in the offseason because the four-time Pro Bowl wide receiver refused to play for the Ravens after San Francisco initially traded him to Baltimore.

The Ravens' offense, missing three Pro Bowl players, sure could have used Owens. They didn't score until Kyle Boller threw a 7-yard TD pass to Daniel Wilcox in the fourth quarter.

Baltimore (4-3) drove to Philadelphia's 48 in the final two minutes, but Akers' fourth-down pass was incomplete.

Donovan McNabb completed

18 of 33 passes for 219 yards and a TD, and also scrambled for 36 yards, setting up two field goals with his runs. Akers kicked field goals of 20, 41 and 43.

Leading 9-3, the Eagles got the ball at their own 35 after Chester Taylor fumbled in the fourth quarter. Then, McNabb and Owens took over. The two connected on passes of 15 and 11 yards, before hooking up for a score that made it 15-3.

In the first half, the Eagles drove to Baltimore's 3 and 1, but only got three points. McNabb fumbled at the Ravens 1 early in the second quarter.

Akers' 43-yard at the start of the fourth put the Eagles ahead 9-3. McNabb had a 24-yard pass to Owens and a 13-yard scramble during the drive. McNabb's 41-yard field goal gave the Eagles a 6-3 lead in the second.

After a 39-yard pass interference penalty against Chris McClellan on McNabb's pass to Todd Pinkston put the ball at Baltimore's 4, the Eagles settled for a 20-yarder by Akers, tying a 3-0 lead.

Matt Stover's 44-yard field goal tied it at 3 in the first.

The Eagles played without running back Brian Westbrook, but with a cracked rib.

Baltimore was without Pro Bowl tight end Todd Heap (ankle), All-Pro running back Jamal Lewis (suspension) and All-Pro tackle Jonathan Ogden (hamstring).

Emotional Johnson claims checkered flag at Atlanta

A week after team plane crash, Hendrick driver wins third straight as other Nextel Cup title contenders struggle

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HAMPTON, Ga. — On a grim day for most of NASCAR's championship contenders, Jimmie Johnson took his third straight checkered flag.

Never has a victory seemed more appropriate.

Johnson held off Mark Martin's dominating car to win Sunday at Atlanta Motor Speedway, easing some of the pain after the tragedy that struck Hendrick Motorsports last weekend.

A team plane crashed while heading to the Nextel Cup race at Martinsville, Va., killing all 10 people aboard. Among the victims were the son and brother of owner Rick Hendrick, along with the team's general manager and chief engine builder.

Martin had the best car in the Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, his Ford leading 227 of the 325 laps. But a late yellow flag cost him the top spot, and the 45-year-old, four-time series runner-up couldn't chase down Johnson at the end.

Johnson beat Martin by 0.293 seconds — about five car lengths — to become the first driver in six



Hendrick Motorsports driver Jeff Gordon, right, embraces team mate and race winner Jimmie Johnson, left, in Victory Lane after the Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga., on Sunday.

years to win three straight races.

"The No. 6 car was coming, but I had 10 angels riding along," Johnson said. "I feel bad for Mark. He had the dominant car. But things happen for a reason."

Johnson jumped two places to second in the driver standings, only 39 points behind Kurt Busch. But the final three races should be quite a shootout — Jeff Gordon, Martin and Dale Earn-

hardt Jr. all are within 98 points of the lead.

Busch was long gone by the time Johnson took the checkered flag under a setting sun. The points leader blew an engine on lap 52, pulling into the garage with smoke billowing from his Ford.

There was no chance of repairing it. His crew loaded the car into the hauler and settled for a next-to-last place finish, throwing the championship race wide open.

"I had a feeling in my stomach before the race," said Busch, who had not finished lower than sixth in the first six races of the Nextel Cup playoff. "It was just one of those gut feelings where you don't feel as confident as the week before."

Busch managed to keep his points lead when six others in the 10-driver playoff ran into major problems, too.

Matt Kenseth, the defending Nextel Cup champion, blew an engine and finished 41st, one spot ahead of Busch. Elliott Sadler was 36th after a collision in the pits messed up his steering. Gordon battled an ill-handling car, had to duck into the garage to fix

another problem and wound up 34th.

That's not all. Jeremy Mayfield cut a tire in the early going, scraped the wall and had to battle just to finish 26th. Pole sitter Ryan Newman was leading when a mistake in the pits forced him to come back in; he wound up two laps down in 17th.

Finally, Earnhardt was in position to seize the season lead when he clipped Carl Edwards on the backstretch and slammed into the inside wall with 15 laps to go. Junior's heavily damaged car couldn't finish, leaving him in 33rd for the second week in a row.

But no one seemed too upset about a Hendrick driver winding up in Victory Lane.

Johnson pulled his car along the flagstand and grabbed the checkered banner. Then, with it in his hands, he made a quick cell phone call to Hendrick. The car owner asked everyone on the team to wear their hats backward — a tribute to the fashion sense of

Hendrick's late son, Ricky, who was being groomed to take over the team.

Needing a few seconds to compose himself, Johnson finally climbed from the car and struggled to hold back the tears.

"There's no medicine like that," he said. "It doesn't change anything. We don't back the friends we lost. But it sure makes you feel better to do something like this."

Martin yearns to win a championship before calling it a career. The Roush Racing driver has already announced that 2005 will be his final full season.

He probably won't have won on this day if not for two late yellow flags. Martin stayed on the track when Kevin Harvick stalled on pit road, while everyone behind him dipped into the pits for fresh tires.

That made the difference for Johnson, whose Chevrolet climbed on lap 310. Everyone came in when Earnhardt crashed, but Johnson already had gained valuable track position on Martin.

Johnson reclaimed the lead from Casey Kahne with 10 laps remaining and built up enough of a margin to fend off Martin.

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Miami's Achilles' Heels

North Carolina stunner cripples 4th-ranked Canes' title hopes

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — When it mattered most, when Miami needed one defensive stand to force overtime, the Hurricanes simply couldn't do it.

That fact, perhaps as much as a loss that might have taken them out of the national title race, clearly irked coach Larry Coker.

"It's mind boggling," he said.

Connor Barth booted a 42-yard field goal on the final play of the game, giving North Carolina a shocking 31-28 upset of the fourth-ranked Hurricanes on Saturday night.

Miami was one of seven unbeaten teams at the start of the day.

"We never even talked about a national championship," Coker said. "What we did talk about is beating North Carolina. That didn't happen."

When Miami called a timeout just before the kick, fans began lining the hedges just outside the celebration.

Barth said. "I've never made a game-winner like that. That was the first one ever, and what a game to do it in."

Dorian Durant led the Tar Heels (4-4, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) on a 65-yard drive for the winning points, completing all four passes and getting the final 5 yards on a keeper up the middle. He finished 21-for-29 for 266 yards and two touchdowns, and Chad Scott overcame an injured hip to rush for a career-high 175 yards.

"It just goes to show that anybody can be beaten on any given day, especially in this conference," Durant said.

Miami (6-1, 3-1) trailed by seven points with 5:24 left, but Brock Berlin drove his team 89 yards to tie it. Devin Hester went in on a sweep from the 11, setting up the final possession for Durant and North Carolina.

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North Carolina's Scott Brumett (87) runs past Miami players Greg Threat (5) and Tavaras Gooden (52) for a 18-yard touchdown in the second quarter in Chapel Hill, N.C., Saturday. The Tar Heels beat Miami 31-28 in the school's first victory over a top-five team. The loss will likely be enough to keep the fourth-ranked Hurricanes from contending for a national title.

A dark day for the Sunshine State

Saturday marked the first time since Oct. 14, 1978 that all three of Florida's state teams lost on the same day.



No. 4 Miami: lost 31-28 to unranked North Carolina.



No. 5 Florida State: lost 20-17 to unranked Maryland.



Florida: lost 31-24 to No. 10 Georgia.

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